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I. Introduction

The spatial distribution at low frequencies and low local wind speeds may be described as a broad pedestal of energy arriving between $\pm 20^{\circ}$ of horizontal in the deep sound channel with levels up to 25 dB above the higher angle levels [Anderson, 1979; Burgess and Kewley, 1983]. This distribution varies with local wind speed, as the higher angle levels increase with increasing wind speed, undermining the clarity of the pedestal shape [Hodgkiss and Fisher, 1987; Sotirin and Hodgkiss, 1989b].

The origin of the sound arriving at the near horizontal angles warrants some discussion. Ray tracing diagrams show that surface reflecting rays which do not interact with the bottom arrive within a narrow band of angles around $\pm 12^{\circ}$ to $\pm 15^{\circ}$. The noise content of these rays is enhanced by the sound generated by surface ships. Theoretically, this implies that the low frequency spatial distribution should have a double-humped pattern with the width of the notch between the humps decreasing with depth [Cavanagh and Renner, 1980]. Measurements, however, show a pedestal with broad frequency and spatial characteristics. Two mechanisms were suggested by Anderson [1979] to account for the additional noise at near horizontal angles, one based on the shallower sound speed minimum at high latitudes and the other on sloping bottom reflection referred to now as high latitude ducting and down slope conversion (or the slope enhancement effect) respectively. These mechanisms would convert noise traveling at near vertical angles to horizontal angles such that the noise would travel with low loss in the deep sound channel, filling in the predicted noise notch. Levels within the pedestal of low frequency ambient noise spatial distribution then, are prinarily from distant sources.

Storm induced noise has been observed at frequencies above 150 Hz as the spectral levels increase with wind speed. At lower frequencies however, there has been no consensus regarding the extent of the wind dependencies. Efforts to conform to the logarithmic functions seen at high frequencies has led to a variety of predicted spectral levels [Urick, 1984]. Difficulties arise in estimating the "wind dependent portion" [Crouch and Burt, 1972] of an omnidirectional signal which may be affected by other sources. The obvious experimental answer is the use of the directional capabilities of an array. This has been the approach of several investigators [Burgess and Kewley, 1983; Hodgkiss and Fisher, 1987] however changes in location and time introduce spectral level variations, which complicate the wind induced noise estimation.

The advent of large aperture arrays with many elements provides the capability of measuring ambient noise characteristics with high resolution. In this report, use of a large aperture array enables us to present the fine-scale structure of the ambient noise field. Analysis and interpretation of this data is documented in [Sotirin and Hodgkiss, 1989b]. The array was deployed at three nominal depths covering the water column from 400 m to 3100 m at 7.5 m sampling increments from Research Platform *FLIP* which was moored in the NE Pacific. A detailed estimate of the variability in the spatial distribution of ambient noise as wind speed increases from 2 m/s to 12 m/s over a 21 hour period is provided by the 900 m array aperture which produces a narrow 1° beam at 100 Hz.

II. Experiment and Data Processing Description

The low frequency (20-200 Hz) vertical directionality data was collected by a 900 m aperture array, with 120 individual elements equally spaced at 7.5 m, deployed from R/P FLIP. The experiment site was about 400 nm west of Monterey CA, at 35° N, 126° W in about 4700 m of water off the Monterey Fan. Area noise levels were relatively high [Urick, 1984], typically about 80 dB// μ Pa/ ν Hz at 50 Hz, with northern shipping lanes to the north, coastal shipping to the east, and during the experiment, storm tracks to the south. Data, which were recorded almost continuously over a 20 day period during September 1987, included local wind velocity and swell height, local shipping densities, water current velocities at 43 m and 90 m depths, array navigation data and the low frequency acoustic data.

The data processing procedure converted individual element time series to spatial spectra. The integrity of the data selected were verified by examining time series and spectra for representative elements. A 2 s time series of the 120 channels were scanned at the beginning, middle and end of each time series to note any channel variations. For each 2 minute segment analyzed, the time series for a representative element was plotted over the segment to identify any obvious contaminants. Calculating the spectra of one channel per array section provided a mid-process verification of the data. Further processing consisted of selecting specified frequency bins, compensating for an array sampling offset [Sotirin and Hodgkiss, 1989a] and beamforming across the array aperture. The data segment (65536 2-ms samples for each of the 120 channels) was transformed to the frequency domain using a 1024-point Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) and a Kaiser-Bessel (α =2.5) window. Estimates (0.49 Hz/bin) were selected at 5 Hz increments from 15 to 130 Hz, avoiding narrow band contaminants at 60, 115 and 120 Hz by shifting frequency slightly to 61.0, 113.8 and 118.7 Hz. A frequency dependent phase correction was implemented to account for the sampling offset and the spatial conversion was accomplished using an FFT beamformer. The beamformer was implemented with M=512 points, a Kaiser-Bessel (α =1.5) shading function w(n) and a spatial sampling frequency of 0.131579 samples/meter. This sampling deviates slightly from the array design element spacing of 7.5 m due to strain in the kevlar strength member under tension. The spatial samples were incoherently averaged. and converted from electrical angle ϕ to physical angle $\theta = a\sin(\phi/kd)$. The averaged magnitude square results were calibrated to 22 by the number of points in the FFT, the power in the window function $(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}w^2(n))$ magnitude square results were calibrated to dB re 1 μ Pa/ \sqrt{Hz} Deg by normalizing

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the factor $dk_v/d\theta = \frac{\pi f}{180c} \cos(\frac{\pi}{180}\theta)$, where k_v is the digital spatial frequency $\frac{1}{\lambda} \sin\theta$ analogous to the digital time frequency f. This normalization presents the data in terms of average narrowband intensity received by the array per vertical degree.

III. Results

The ambient noise directionality data presented were selected from several areas of interest. The passage of a storm increased local wind speed from 2 to 12 m/s over a 21 hour period from Julian day (Jday) 257 at 2300 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) until 1940 GMT the following day (Jday 258). Two minute samples were selected every 20 minutes during this event to provide a detailed investigation of the directional variability with increasing wind speed. A second time series is presented to show the variability in the spatial distribution on a shorter time scale (about 1 hour). During a second storm, the array was deployed at three nominal depths which provides an opportunity to examine the variation of wind effects with depth at three nominal wind speeds.

The long time series (21 hours) is presented first as omnidirectional levels as a function of frequency (1/2 Hz bands centered at 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125 and 130 Hz) and time (sampled every 20 minutes). Selected array channel estimates were averaged and the mean was removed from each of the narrowband time series which were then passed through a 4-sample (time corrected) running mean filter to provide the estimates in Figure 1. The corresponding filtered wind speed estimates are also shown. This same data is presented in Figure 2 as spatial spectra versus frequency, at each 20minute interval and corresponding local wind speed, and in Figure 3 as spatial spectra versus time, for equally spaced 20-minute samples, and for the same 24 frequencies. Although the spectra, calibrated to dB re 1 μ Pa/ per \sqrt{Hz} per vertical degree with positive angles looking up and negative angles looking down, are plotted as a function of time during the storm, the higher angle levels reflect the increasing wind speeds. To observe this variation with wind speed, selected angles (2, 8, 14, 20, \pm 50, 60, 70 and \pm 80°) were extracted, normalized and plotted individually in Figure 4 at 15, 35, 55, 75, and 95 Hz. The number to the right of each directional time series is the normalization factor. The lower time series represents the corresponding unfiltered wind speed estimates in meters per second.

The second set of time series consists of consecutive 2-minute estimates of the spatial distribution to show the short-time scale (about 1 hour) temporal variability at specific frequencies (15, 35, 55, 75, 95 and 115 Hz). Data acquired on Julian day 268 at 1000 GMT with the array deployed at a mid-depth of 2650 m and a local wind speed of 2-3 m/s is presented in Figure 5. Data acquired on Julian day 258 at 1430 GMT with the array deployed at a mid-depth of 850 m and a local wind speed of 10-11 m/s is presented in Figure 6.

The variation in spatial distribution as a function of depth is presented in Figures 7-9. Nine 2 minute data segments were processed with characteristics shown in Table 1. The mid-array depth for the three deployments was 850, 1750 and 2650 m. The recorded wind speeds corresponding to the data segments were within 0.5 m/s of 3.1, 7.2 and 11.3 m/s, for the low, medium and high designations respectively. The spatial distribution is plotted at each of 24 frequencies (15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125 and 130

Hz) as a function of array depth and wind speed. Figure 7 is plotted with the data corresponding to the shallow array depth in the foreground, followed by that for the mid array depth and deep array depth each offset by 5 mm. Figure 8 is plotted with the data corresponding to the low wind speed in the foreground, followed by that for the mid wind speed and high wind speed each offset by 5 mm. Figure 9 is the spatial distribution as a function of frequency at a specific array depth and wind speed.

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Figure 1.

Omnidirectional narrowband 21 hour time series.

Spectral levels vs. wind speed

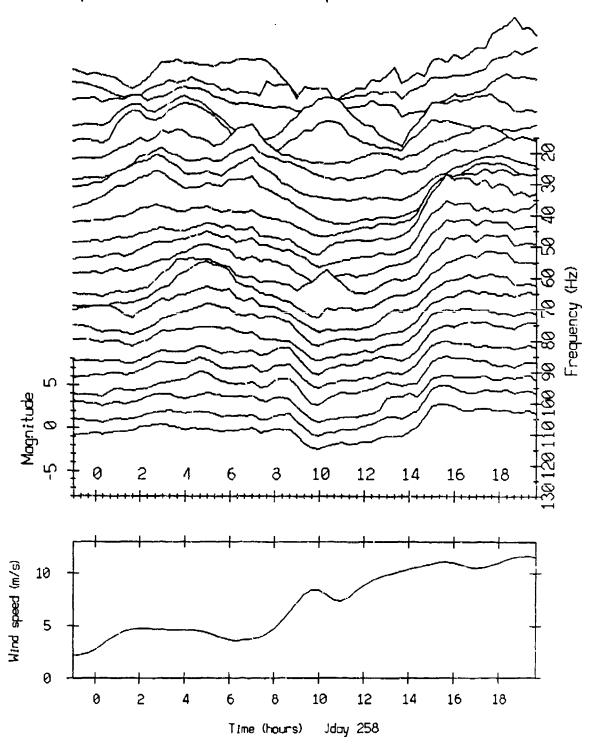
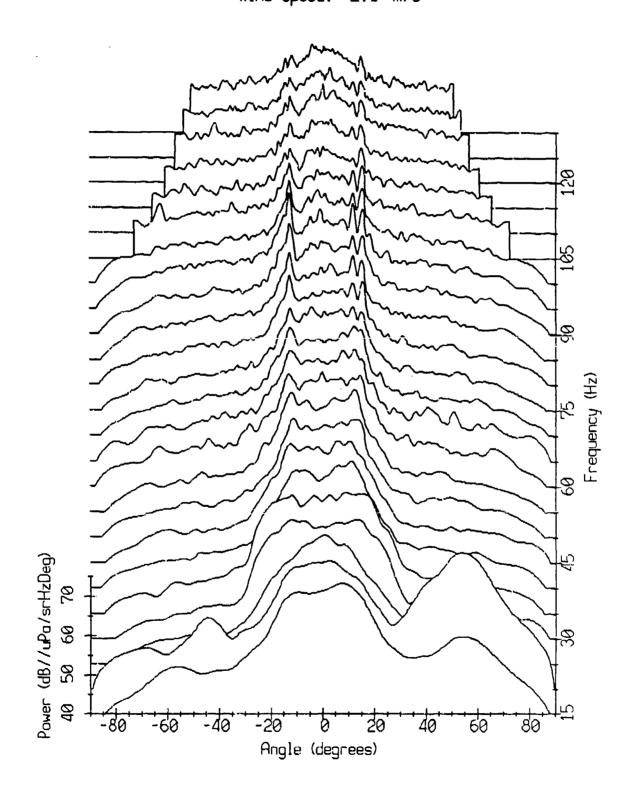


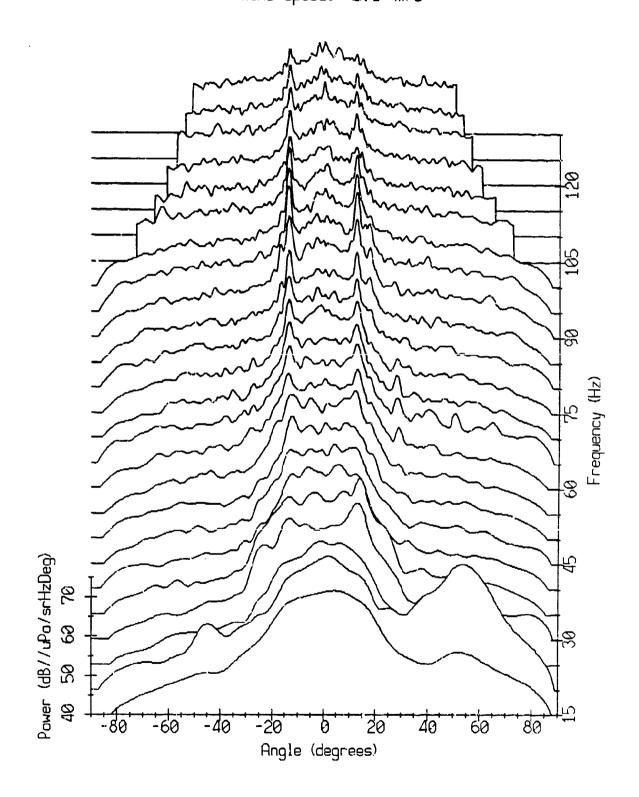
Figure 2.

Spatial spectra versus frequency at specified times.

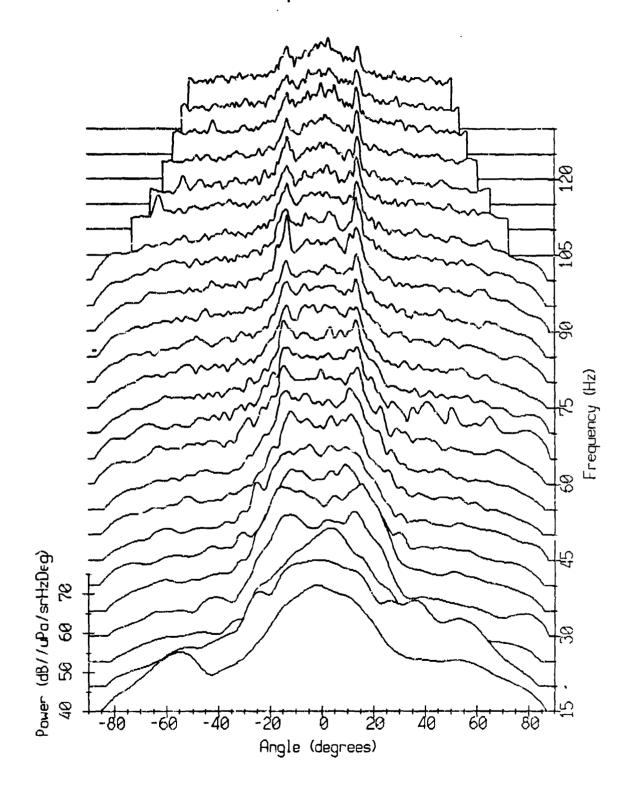
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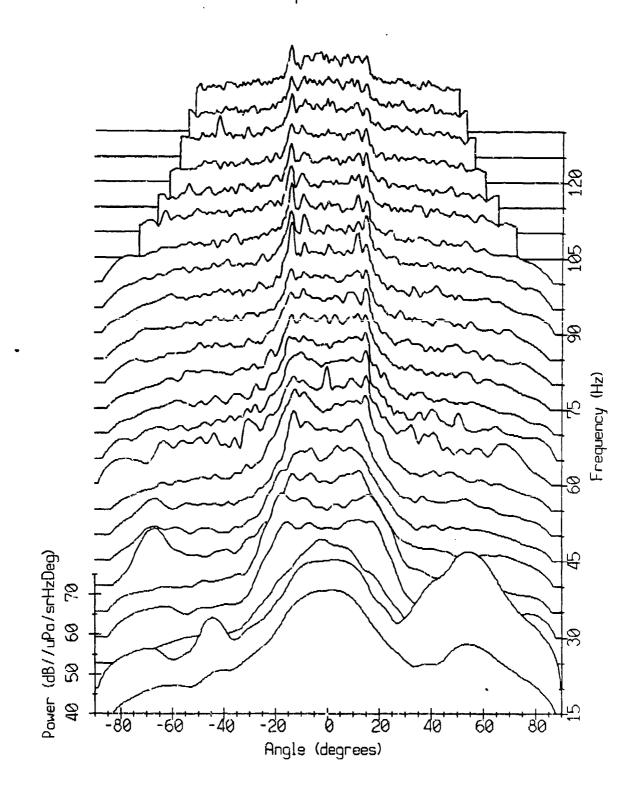
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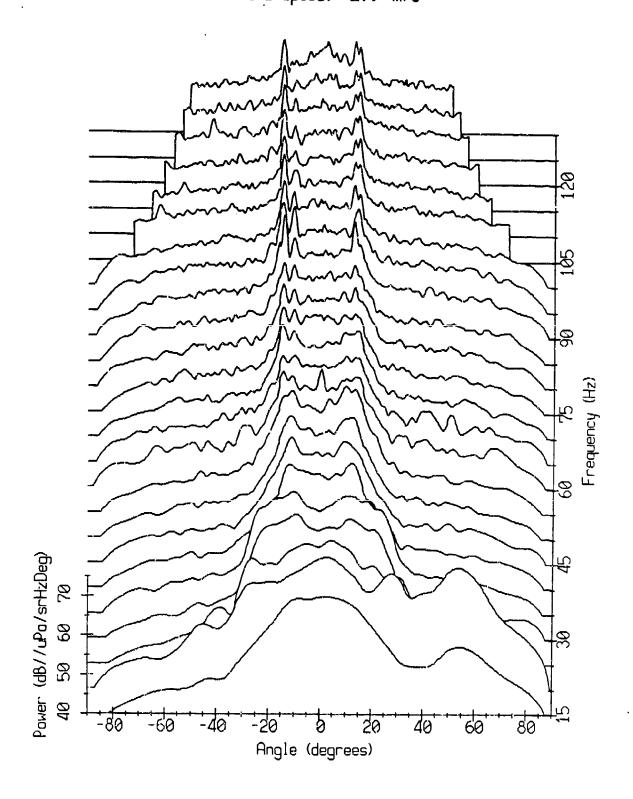
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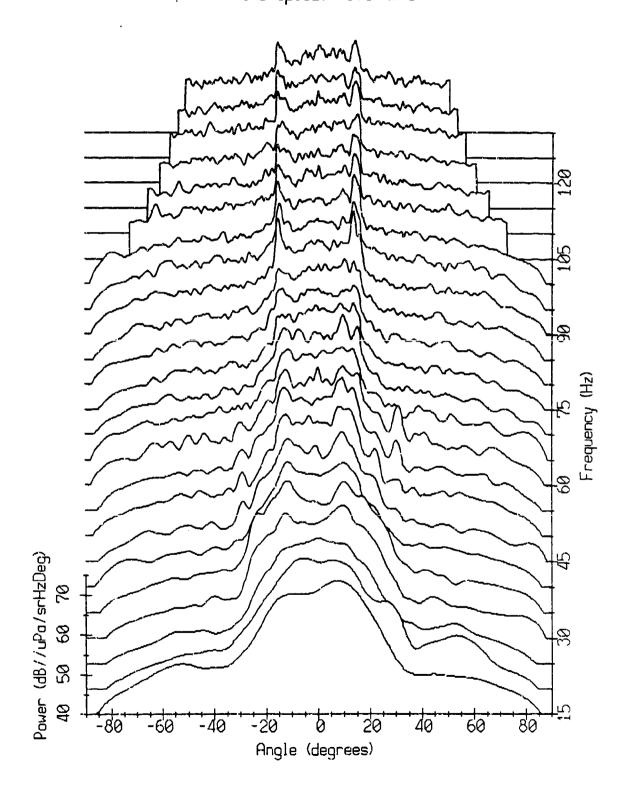
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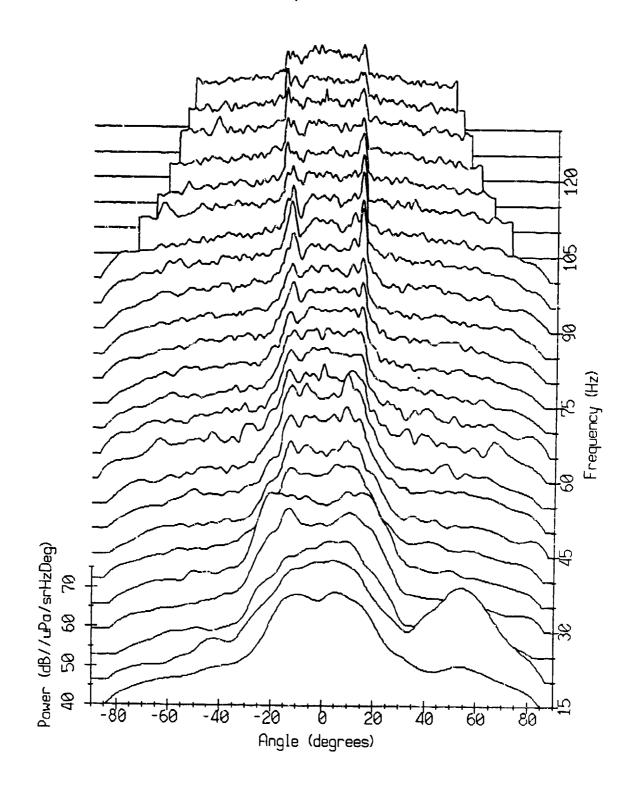
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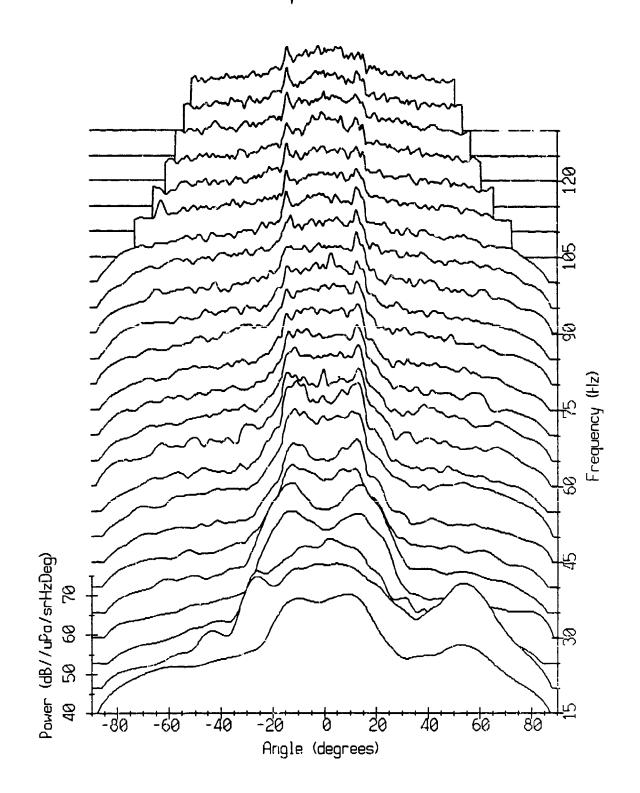
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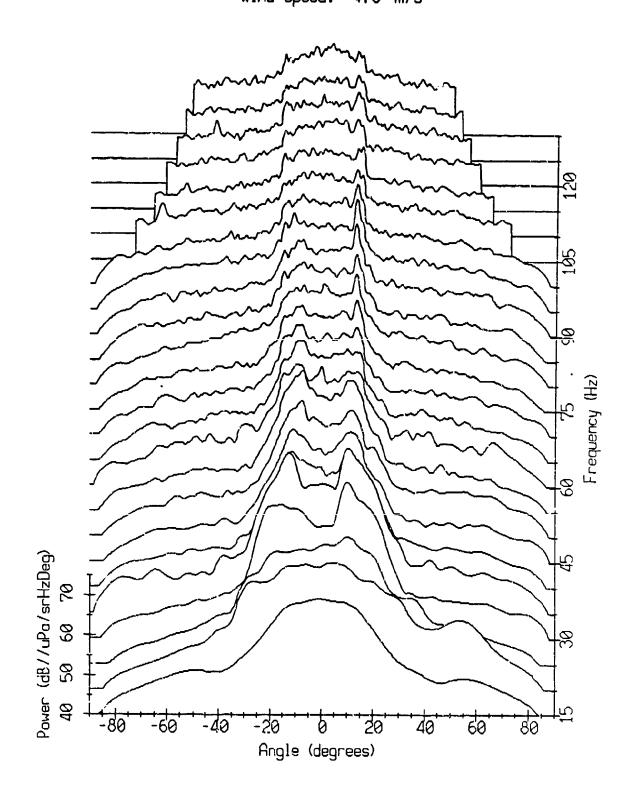
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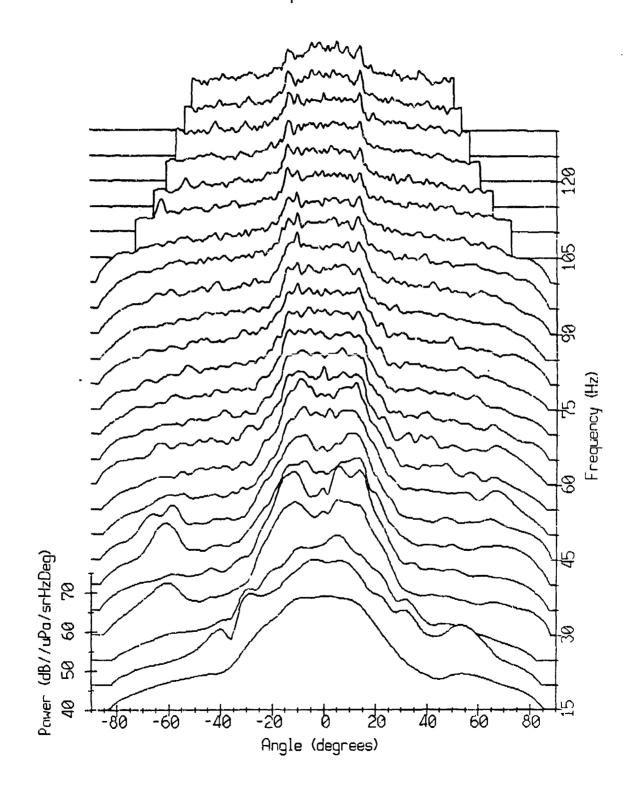
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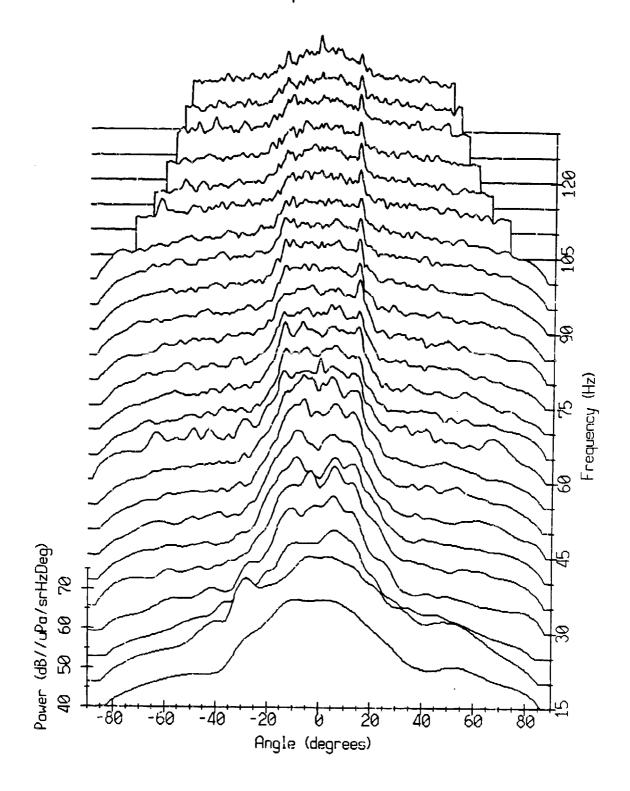
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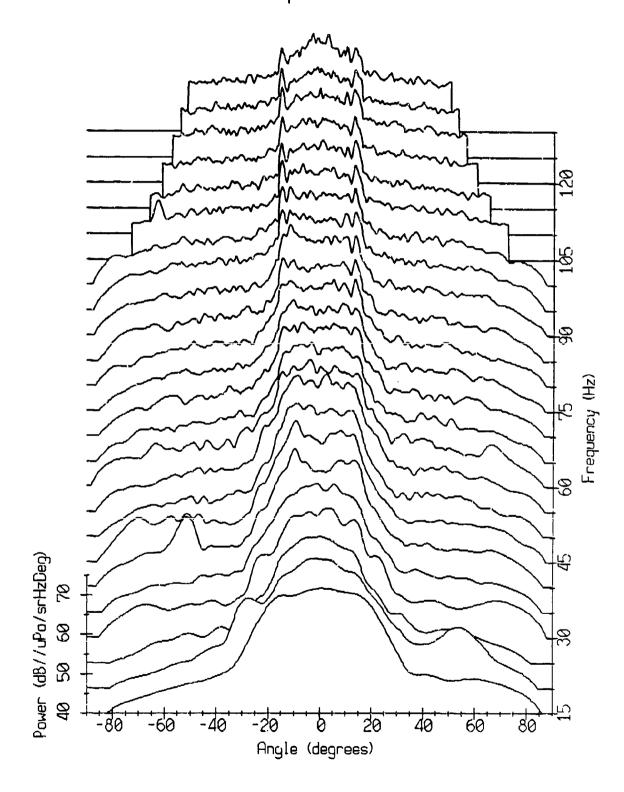
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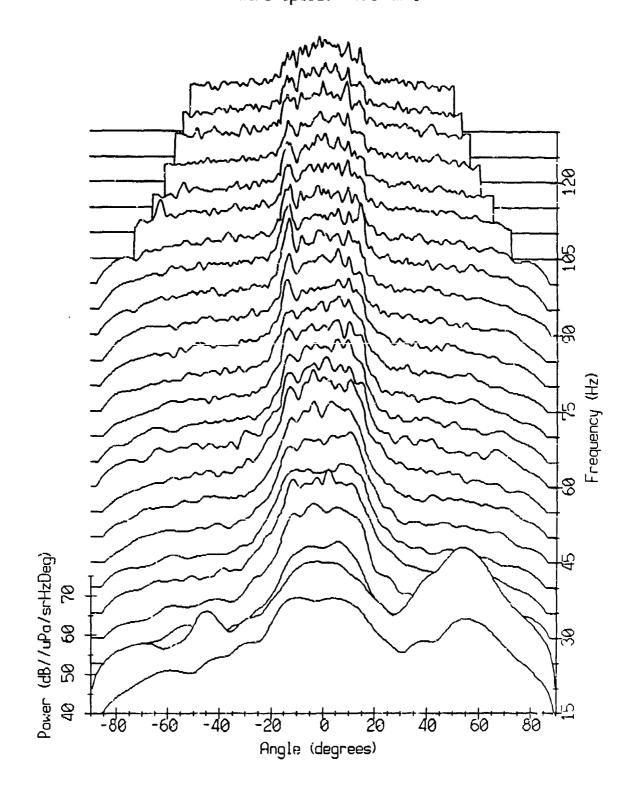
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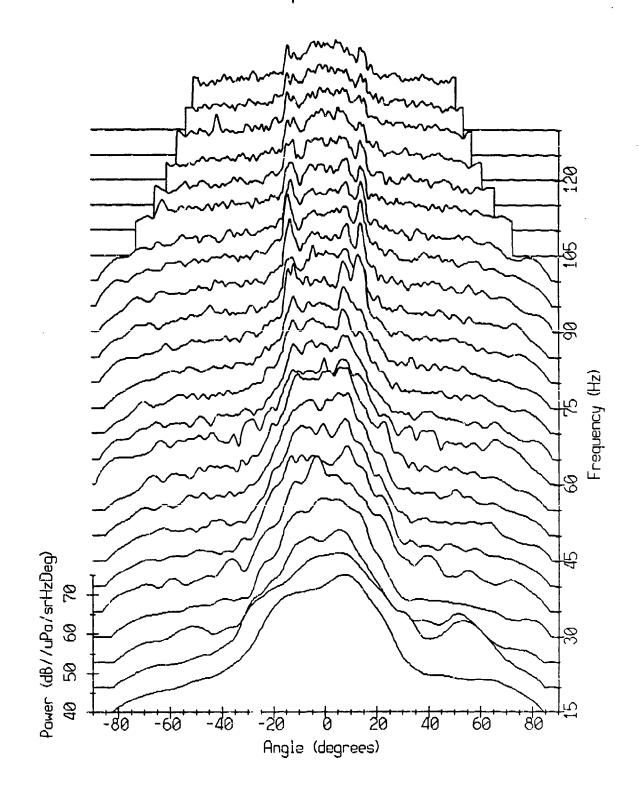
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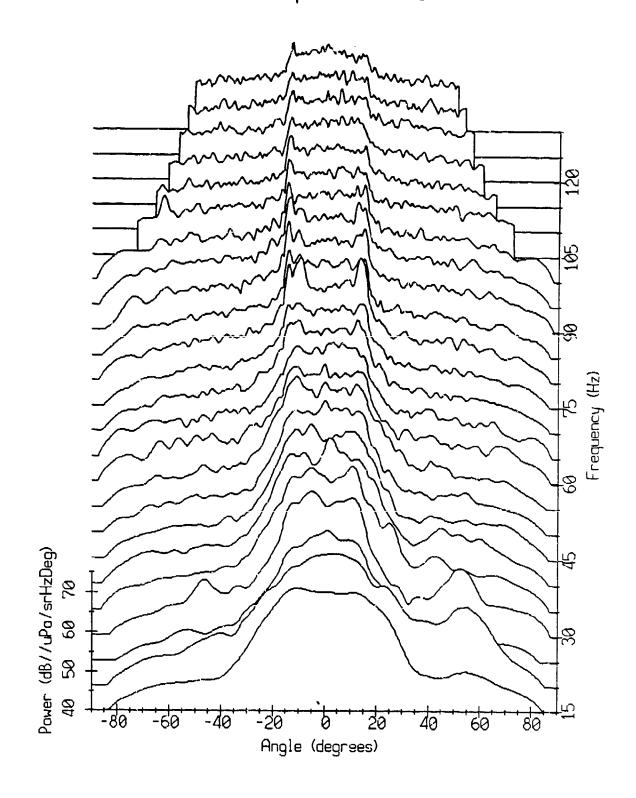
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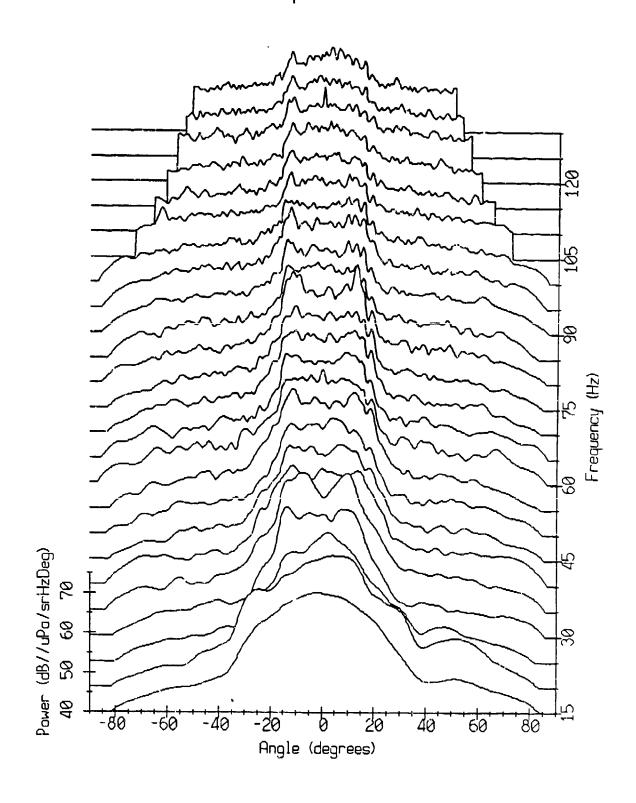
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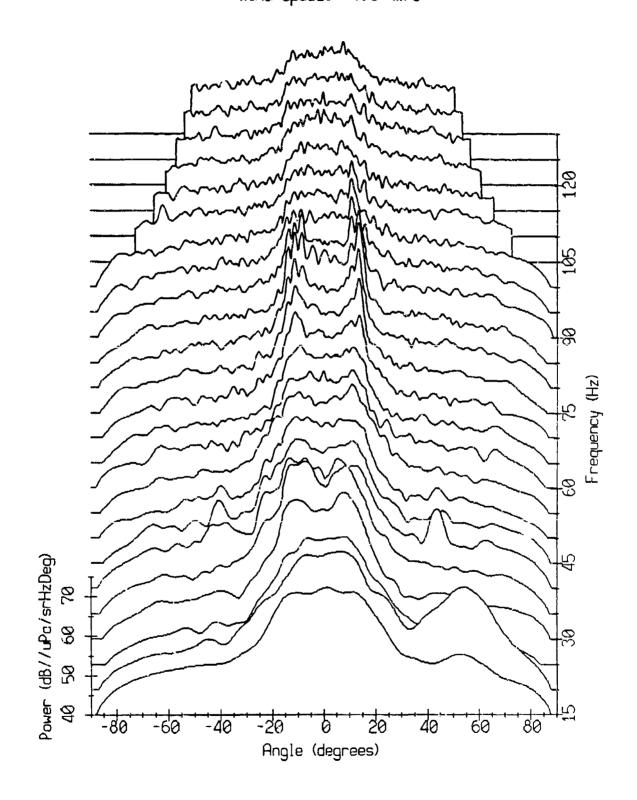
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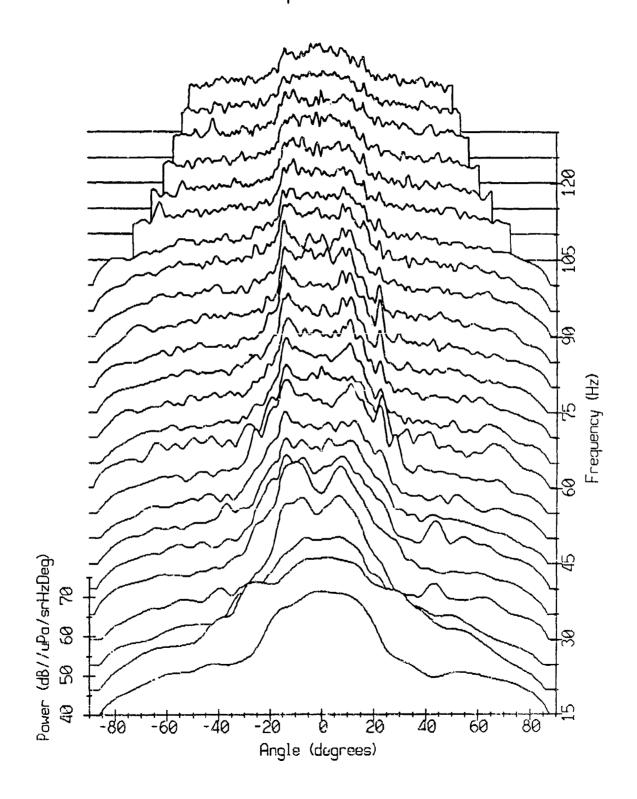
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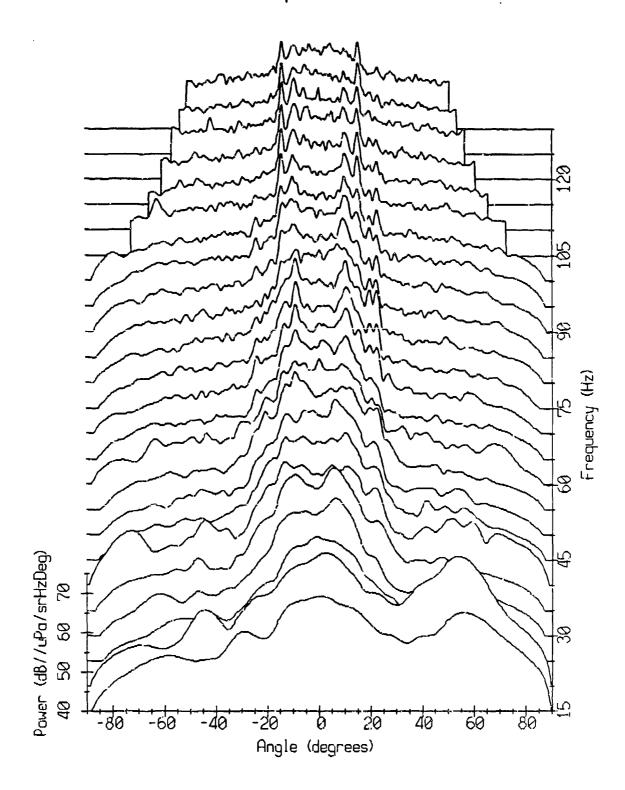
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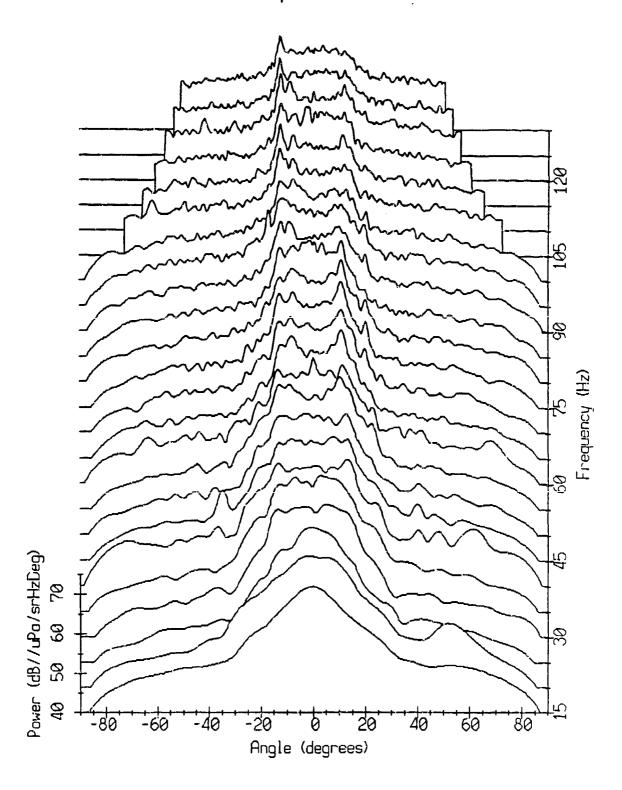
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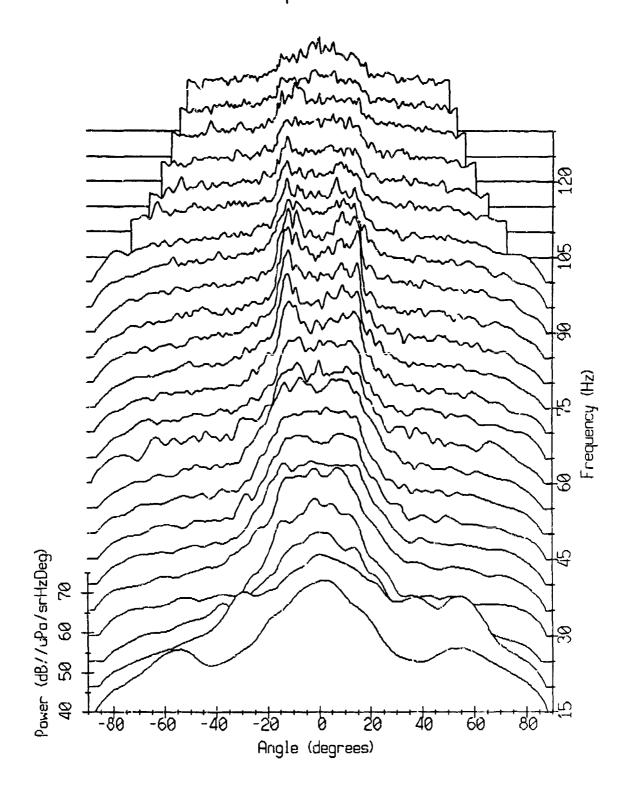
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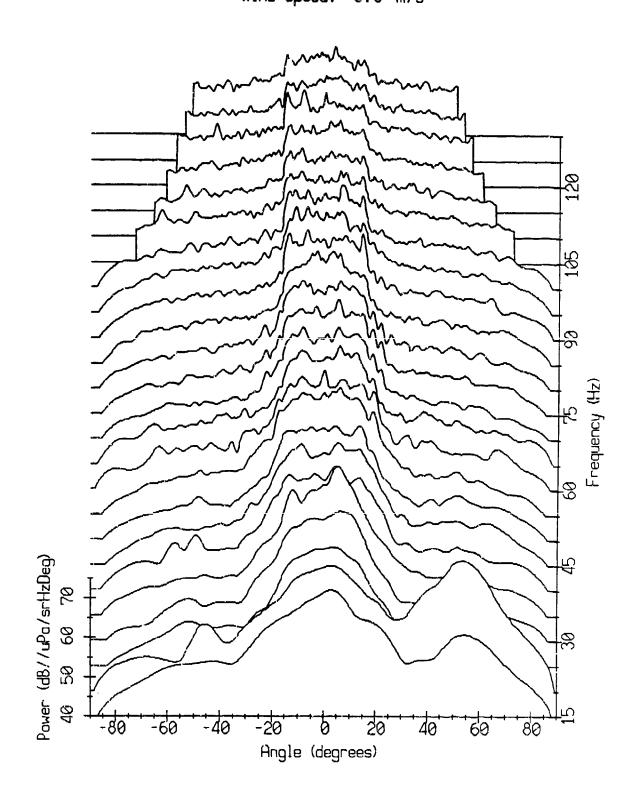
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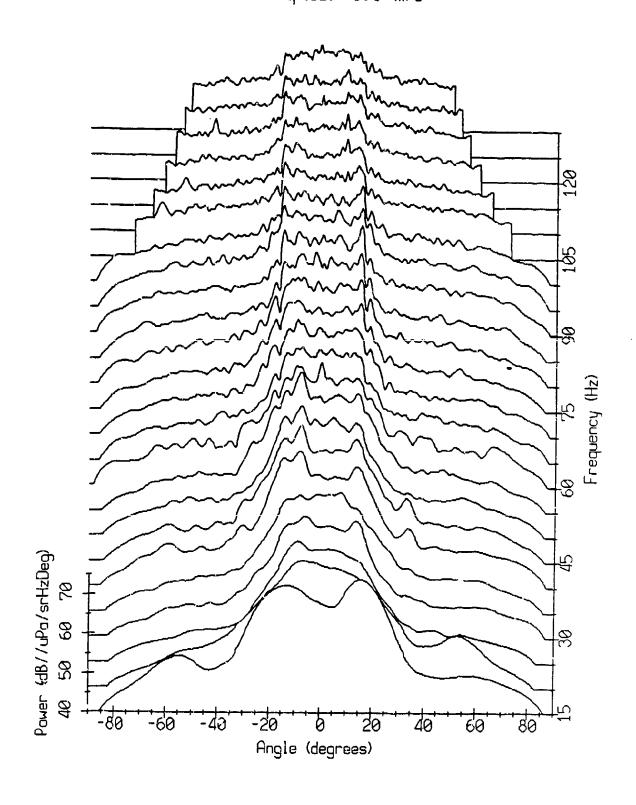
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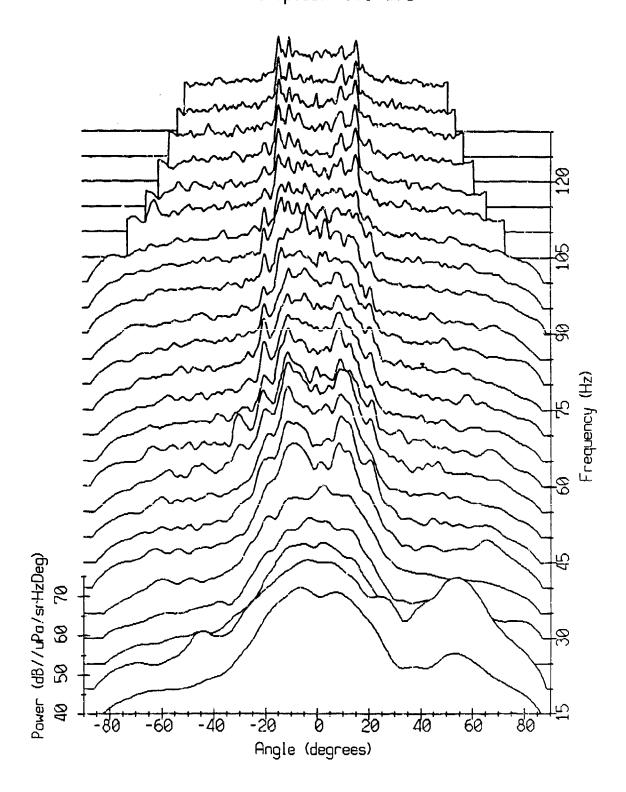
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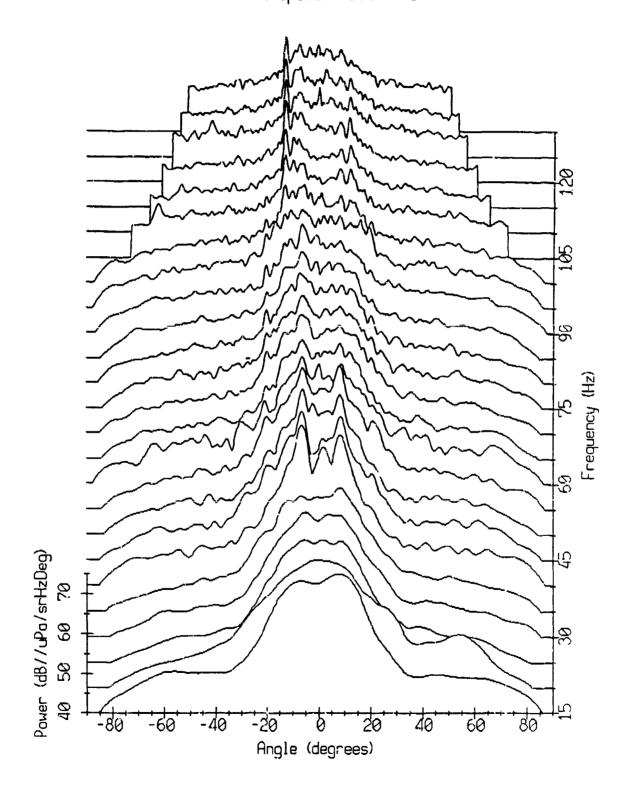
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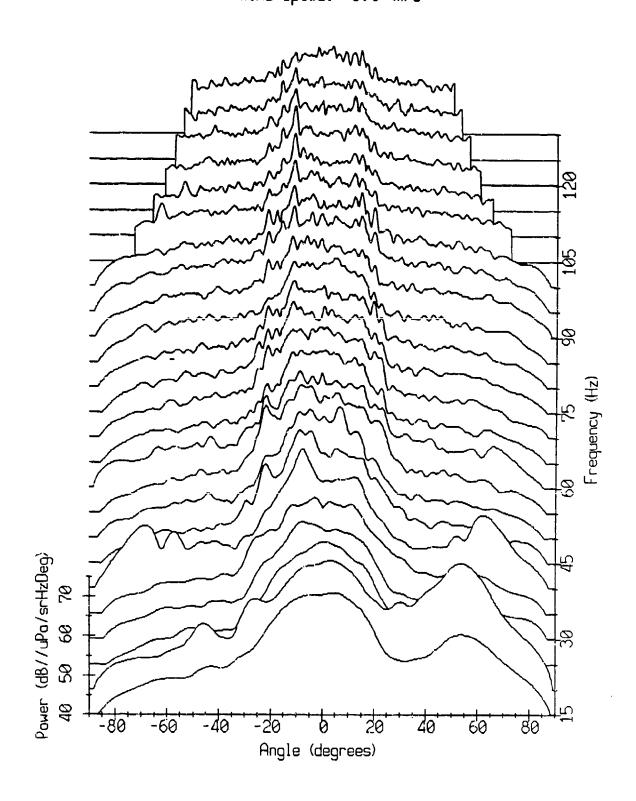
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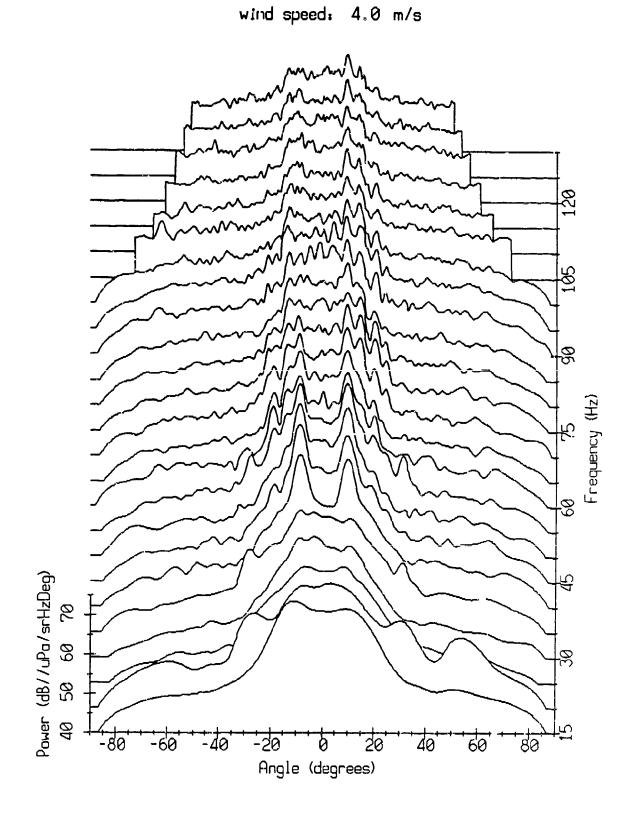
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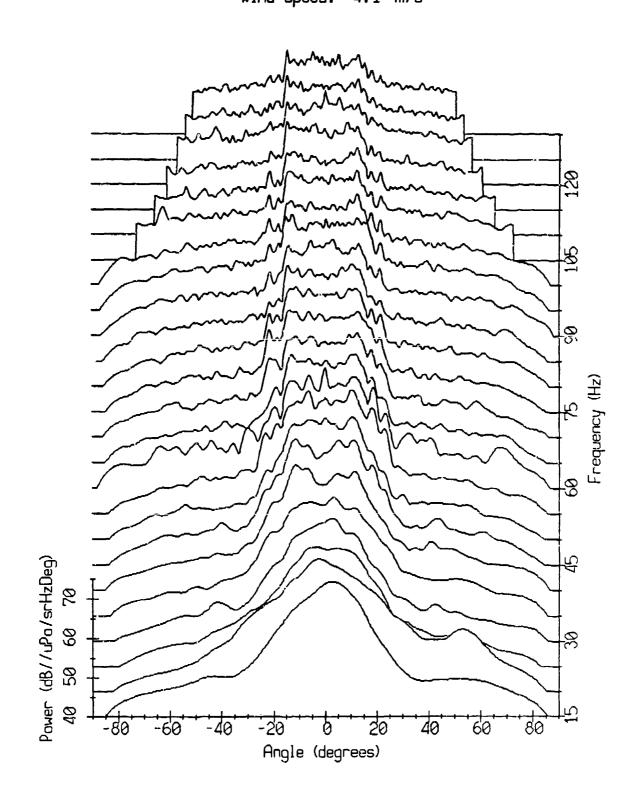
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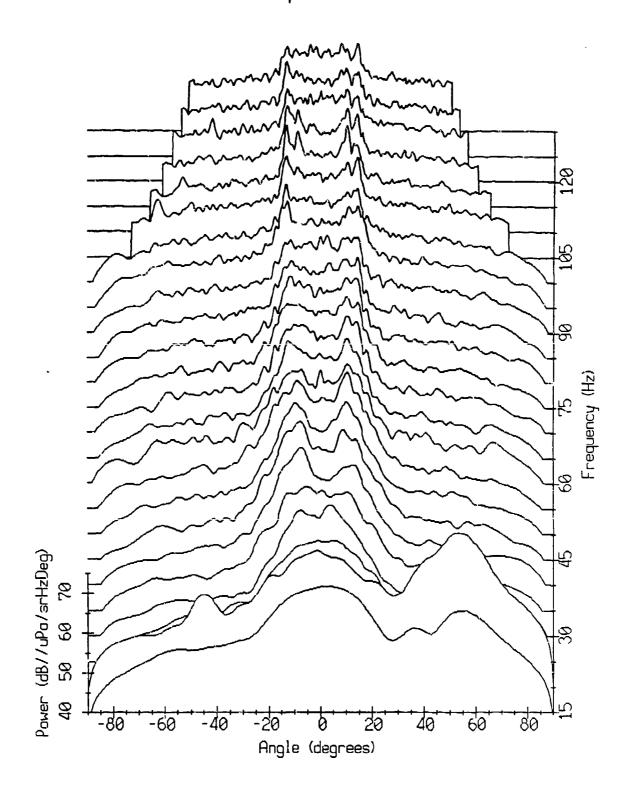
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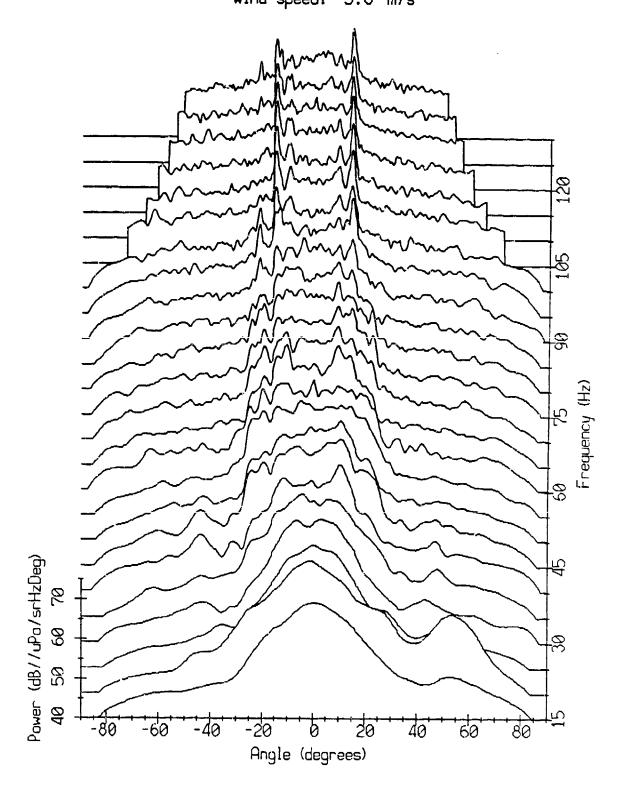
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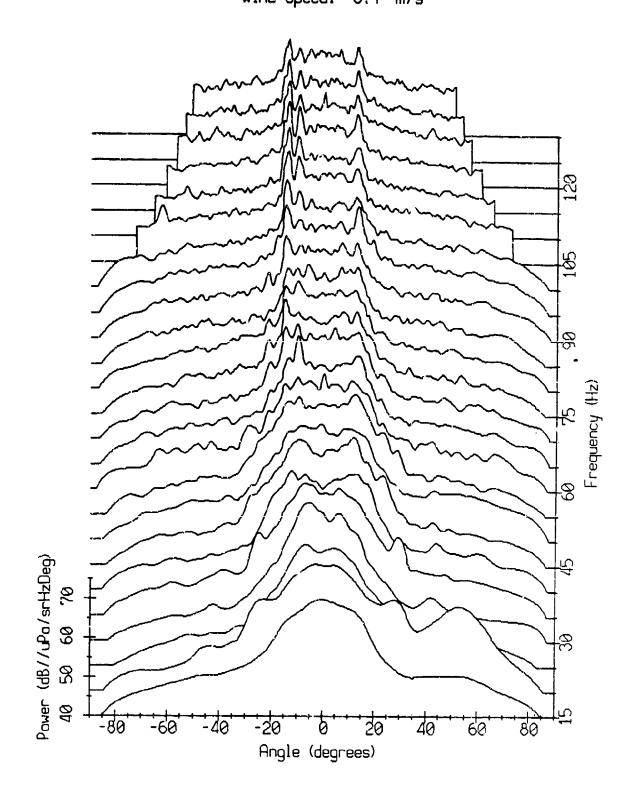
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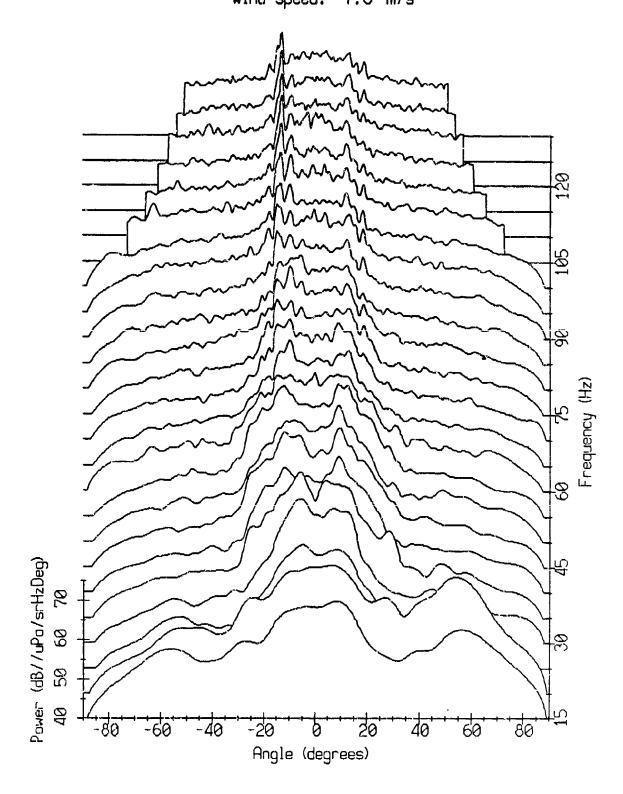
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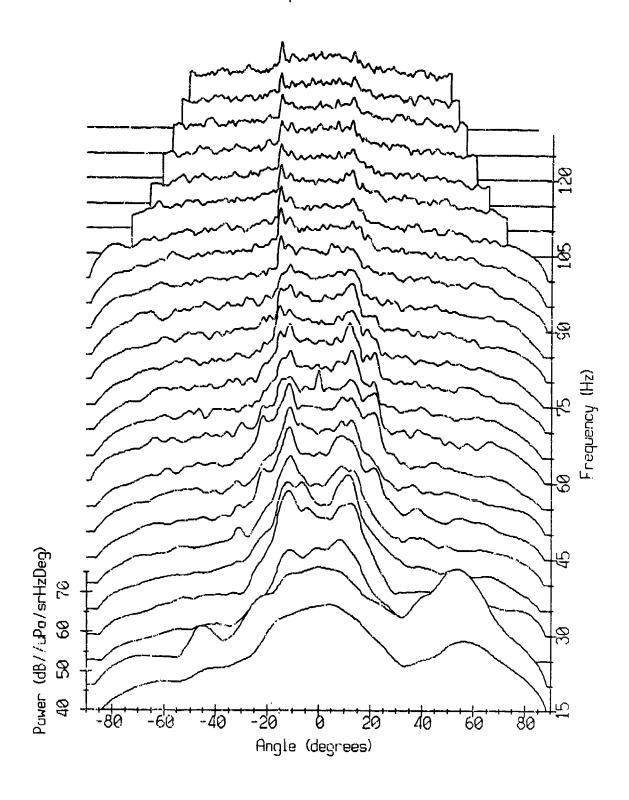
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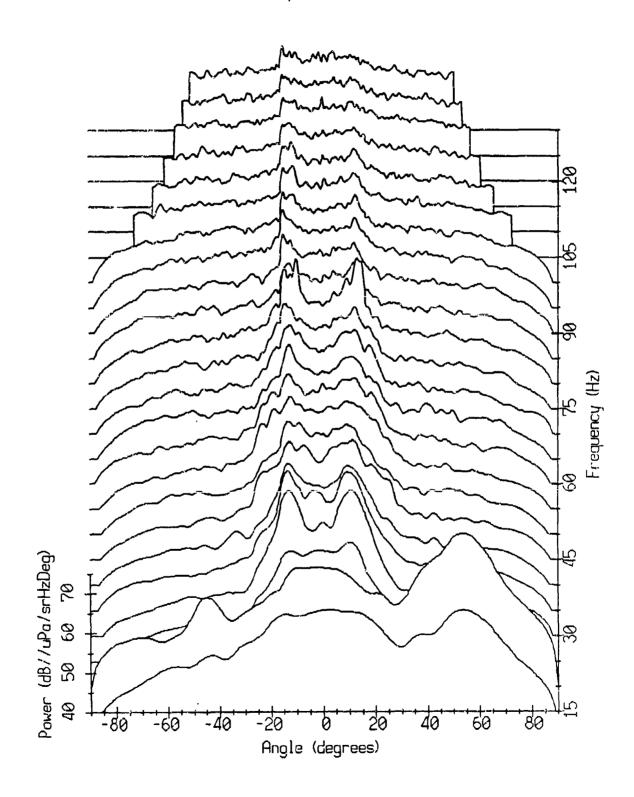
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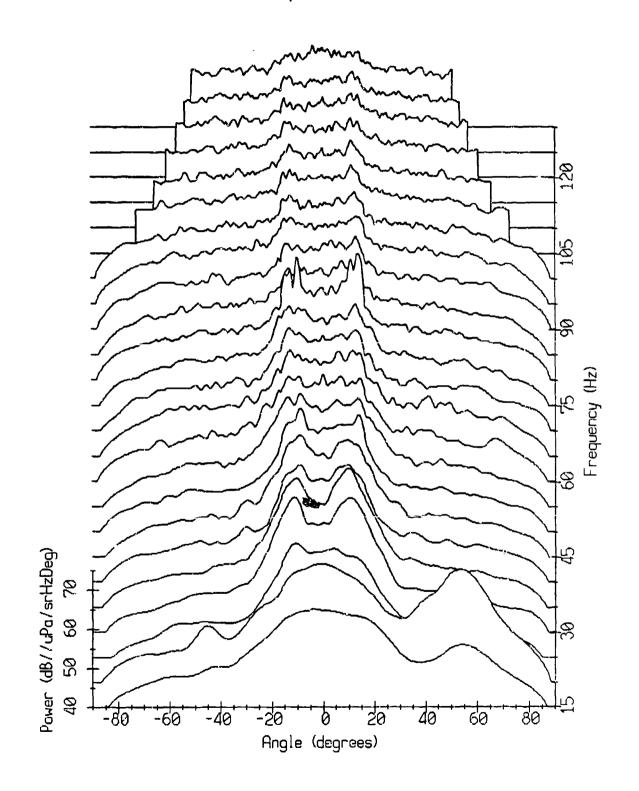
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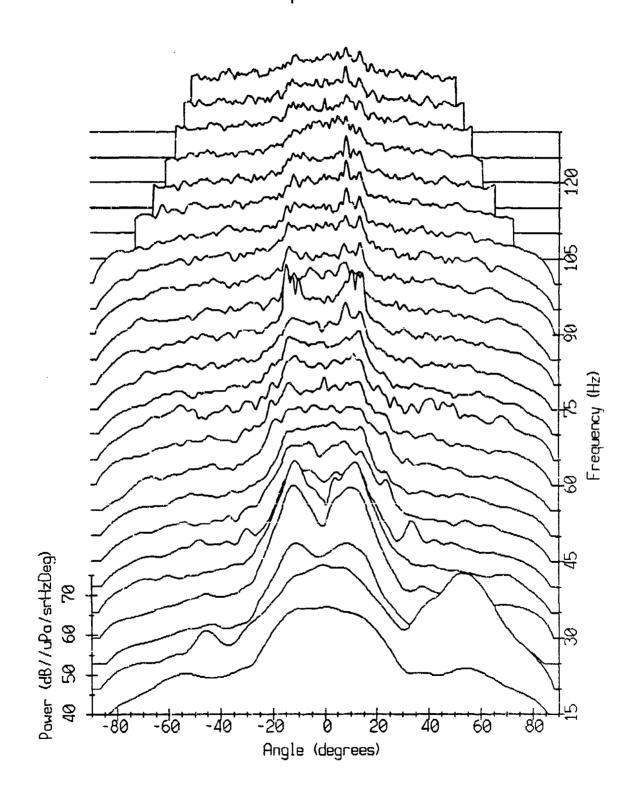
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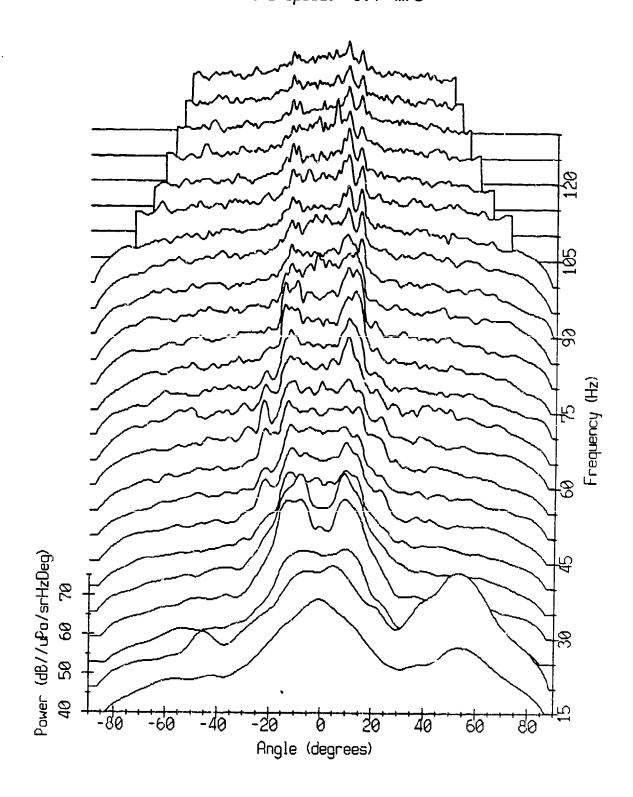
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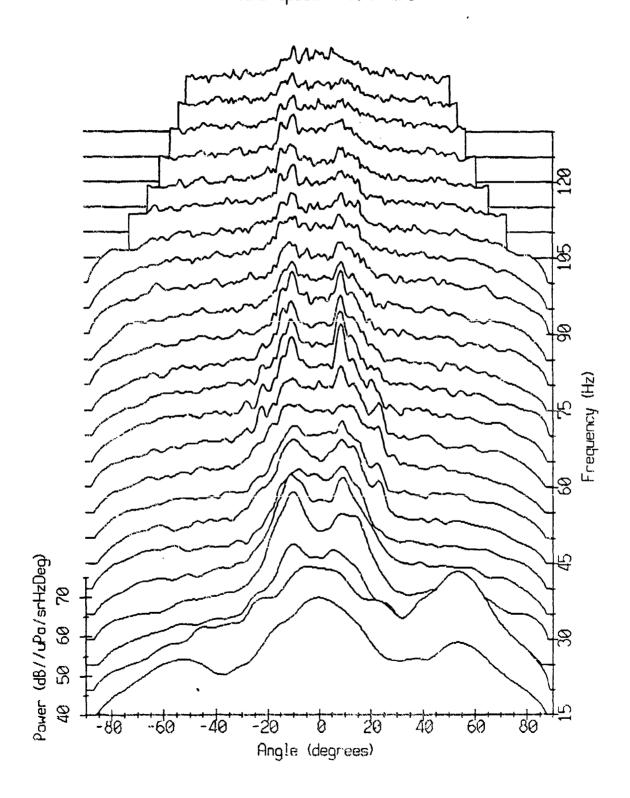


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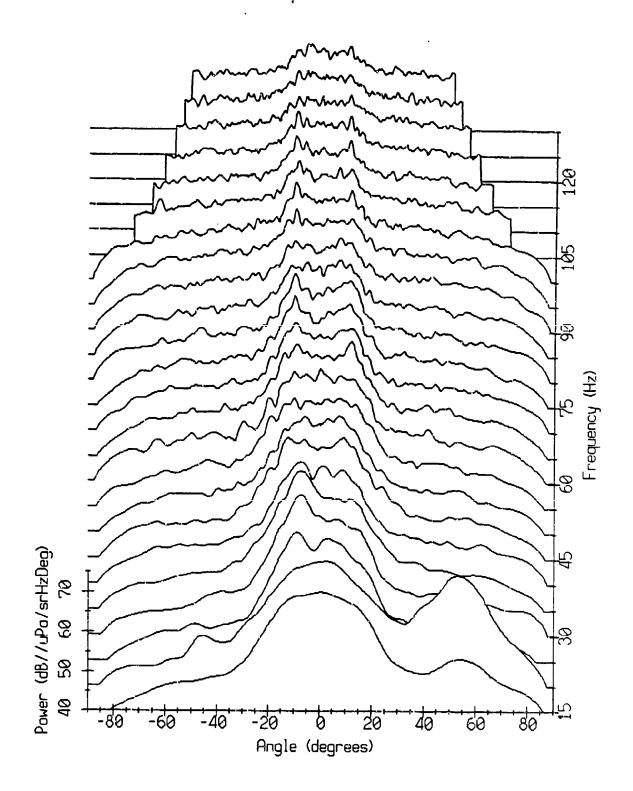


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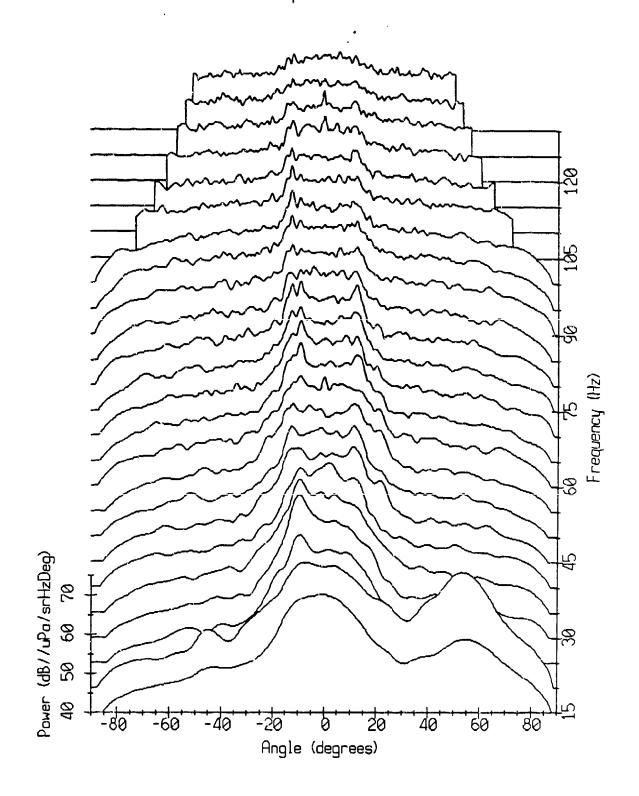
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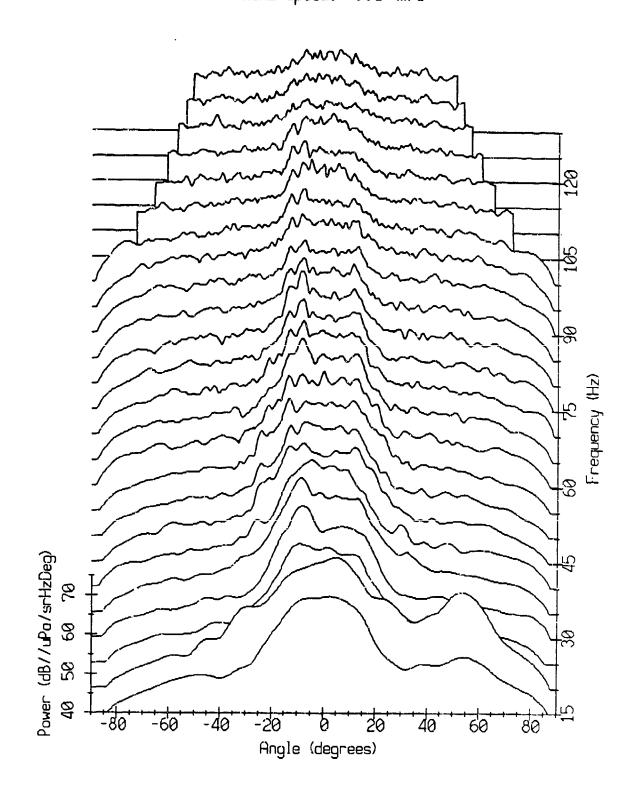
Spatial Distribution During Storm at 1140 GMT wind speed: 8.1 m/s



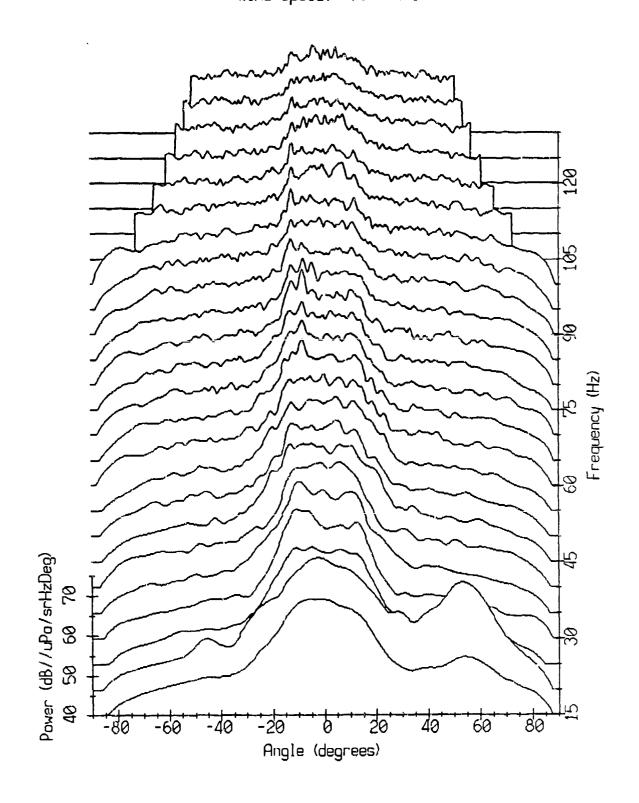
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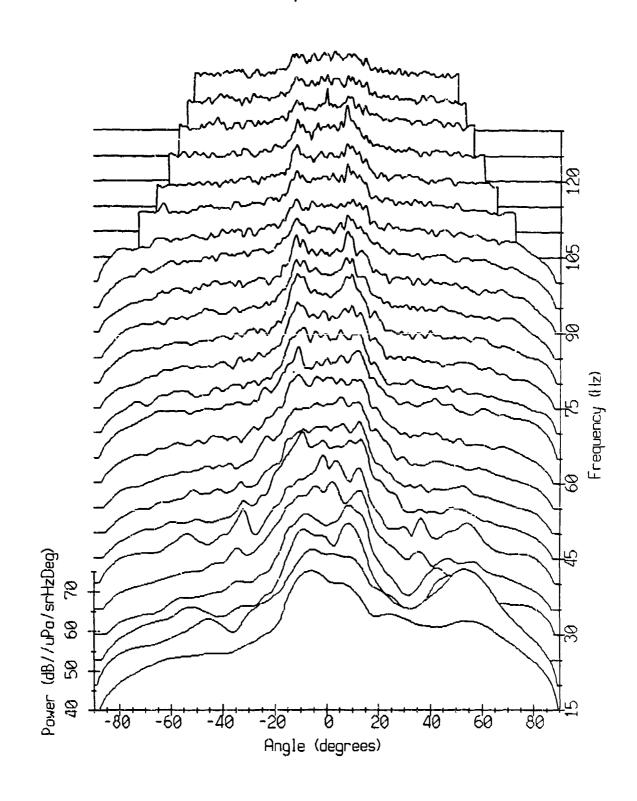
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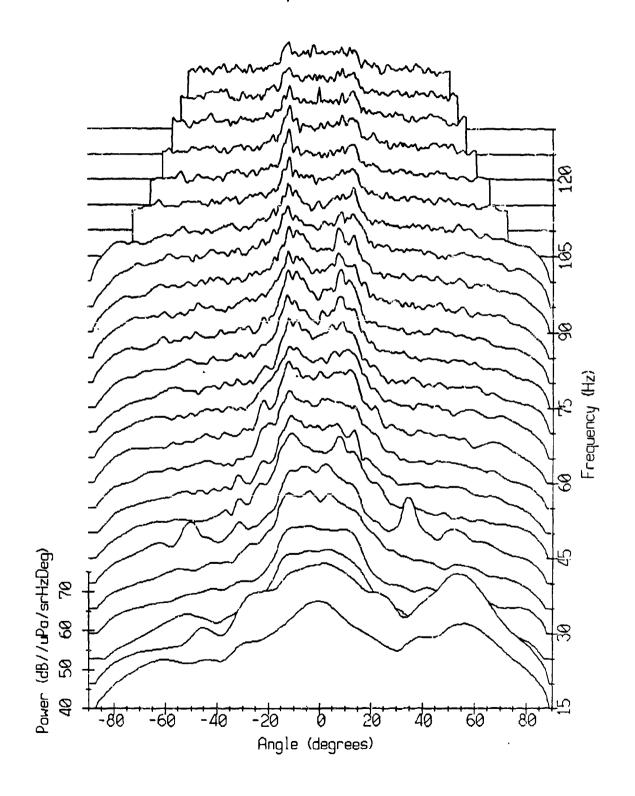
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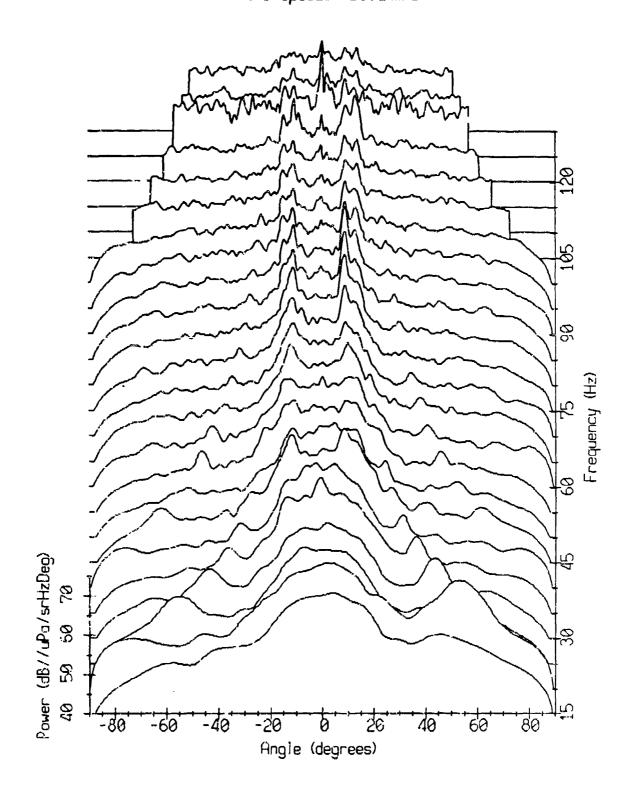
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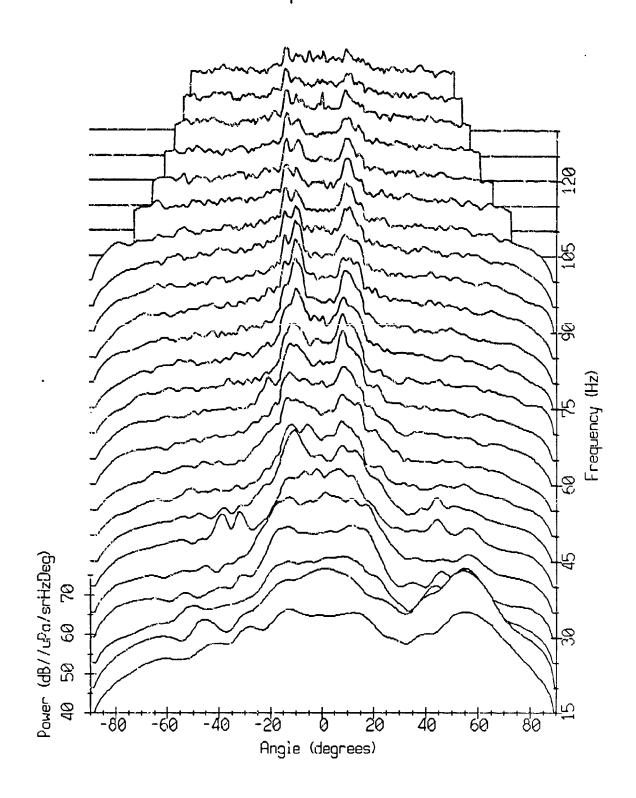
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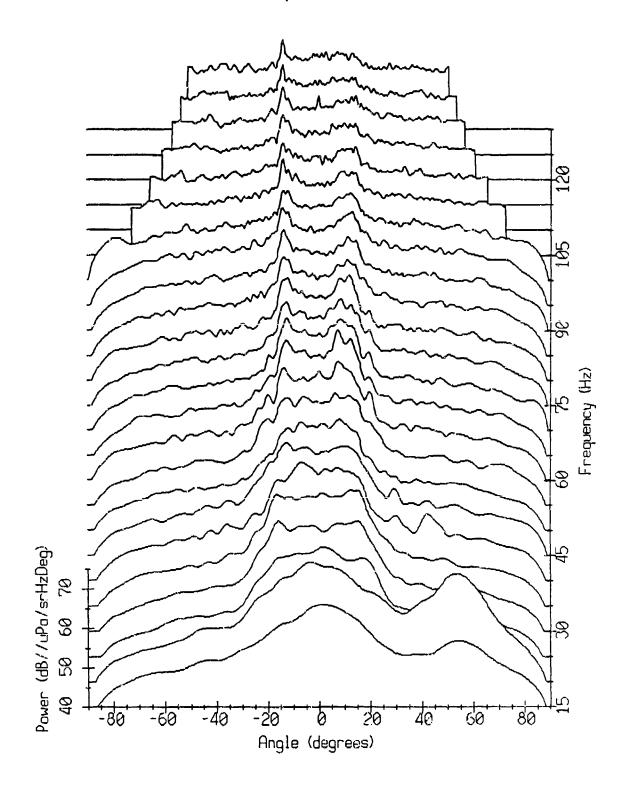
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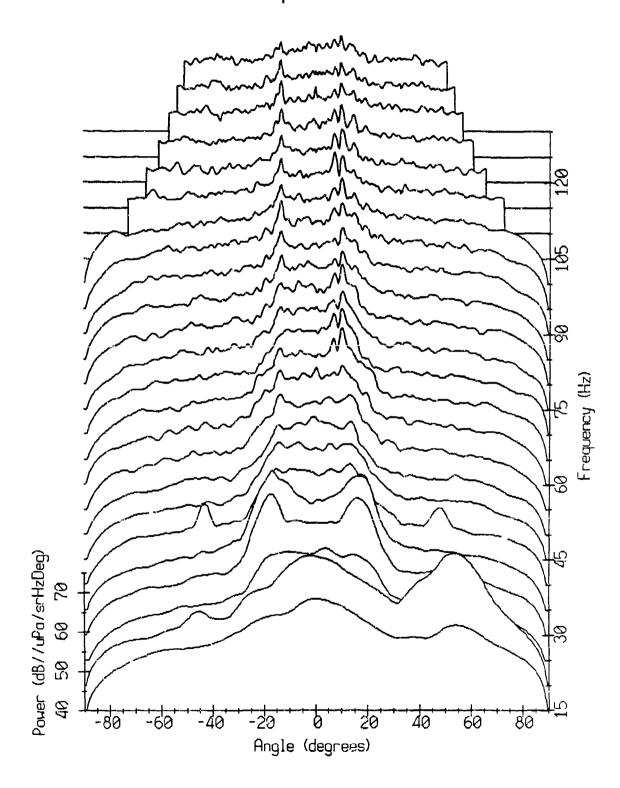
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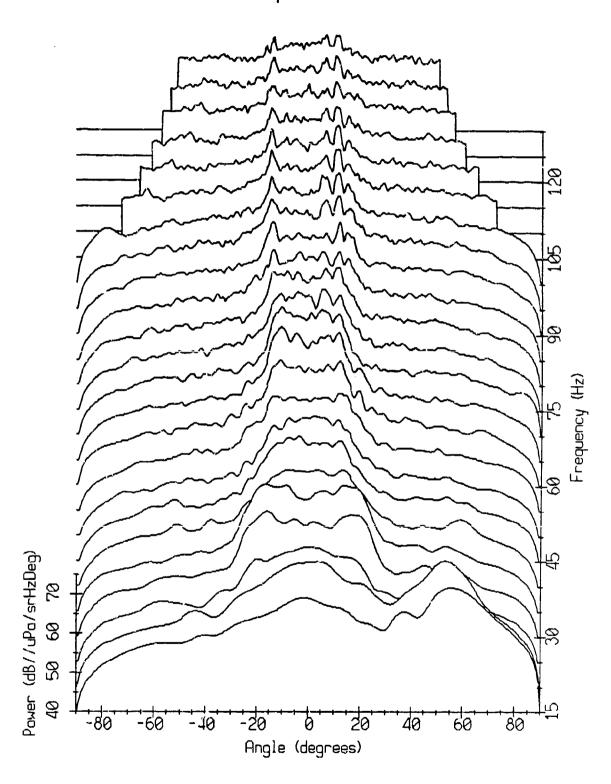
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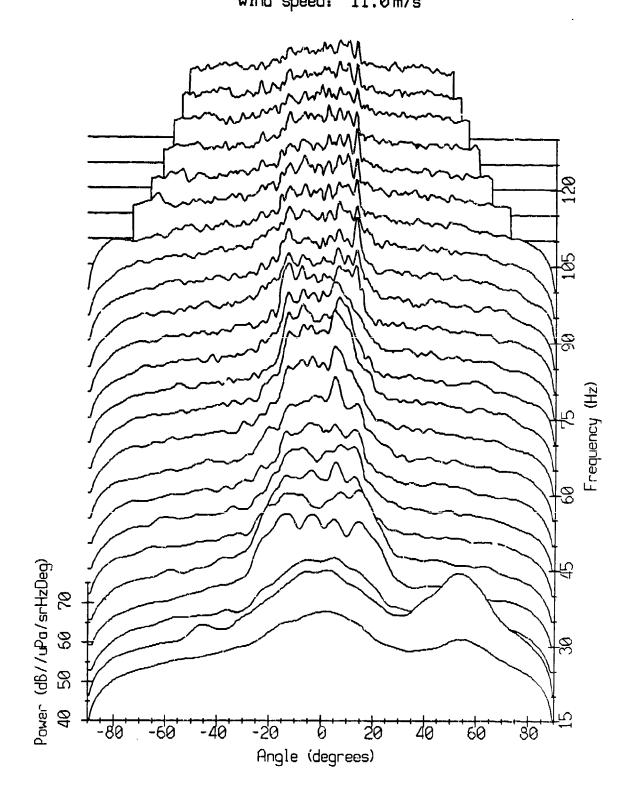
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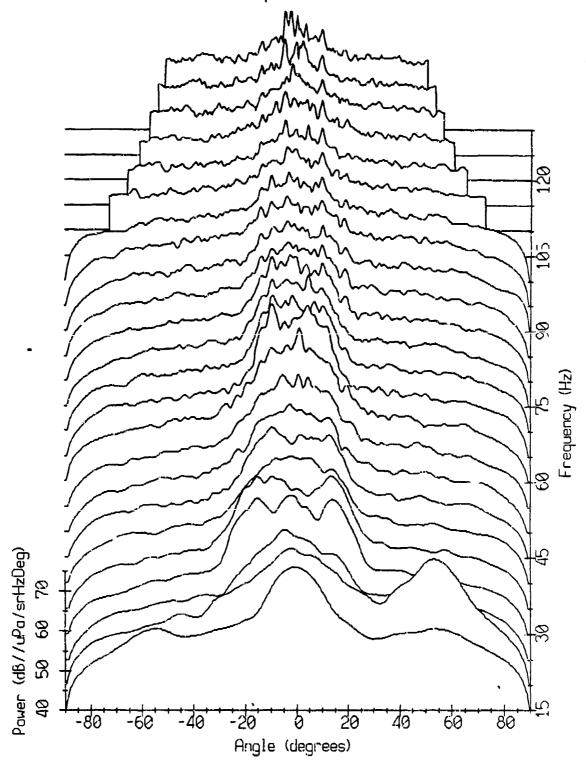
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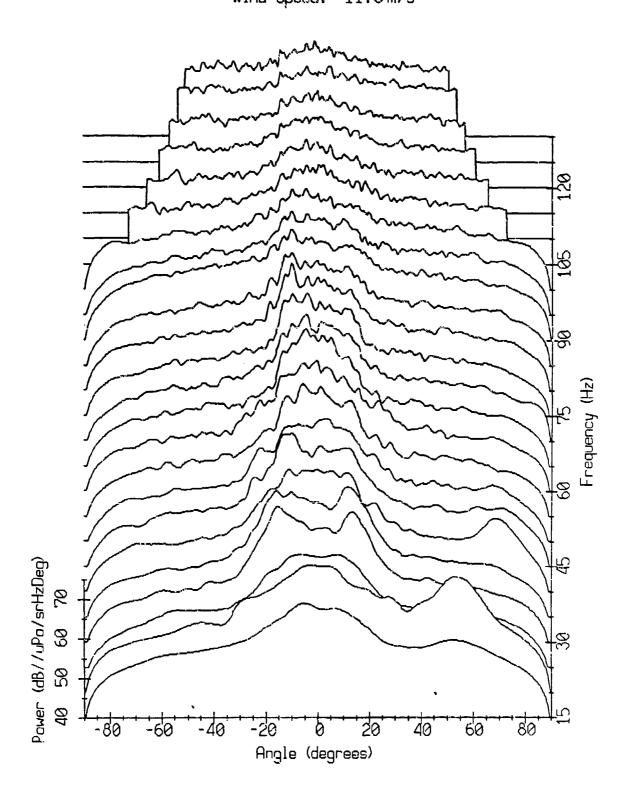
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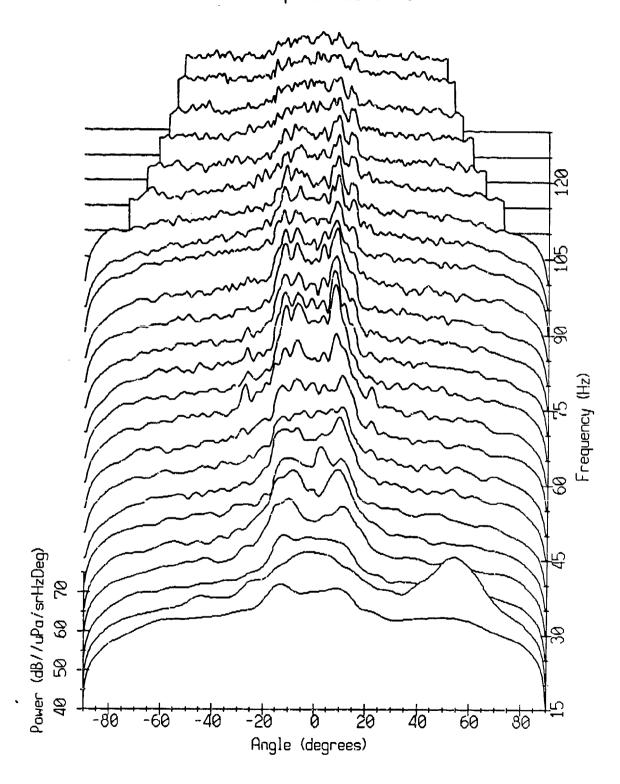
wind speed: 11.2 m/s



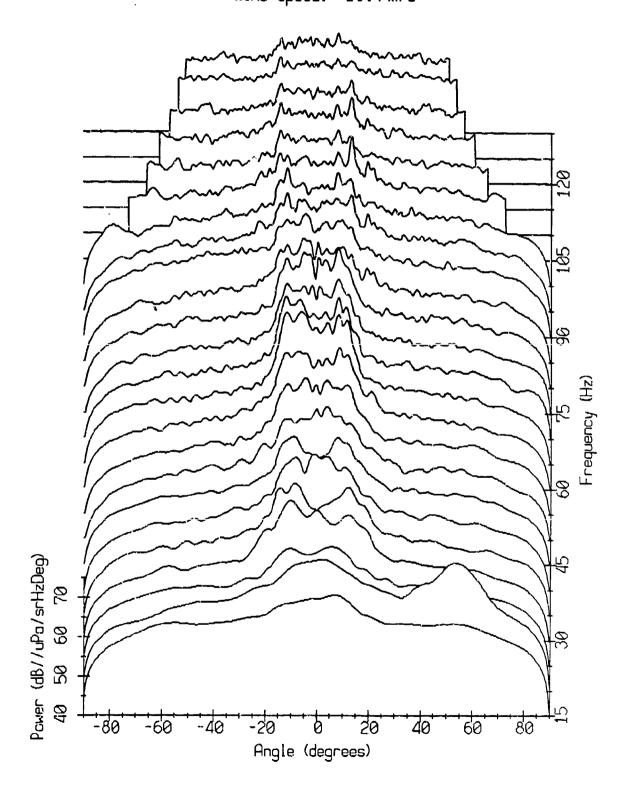
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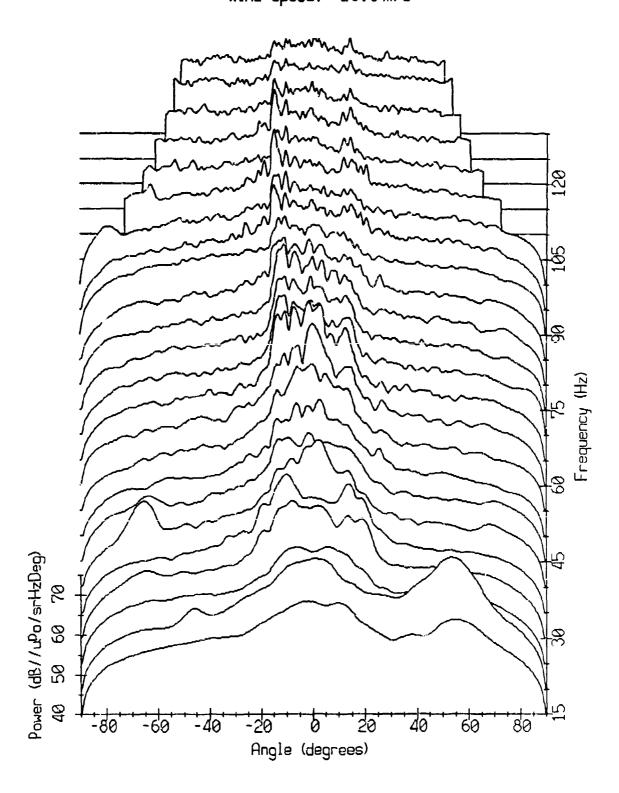
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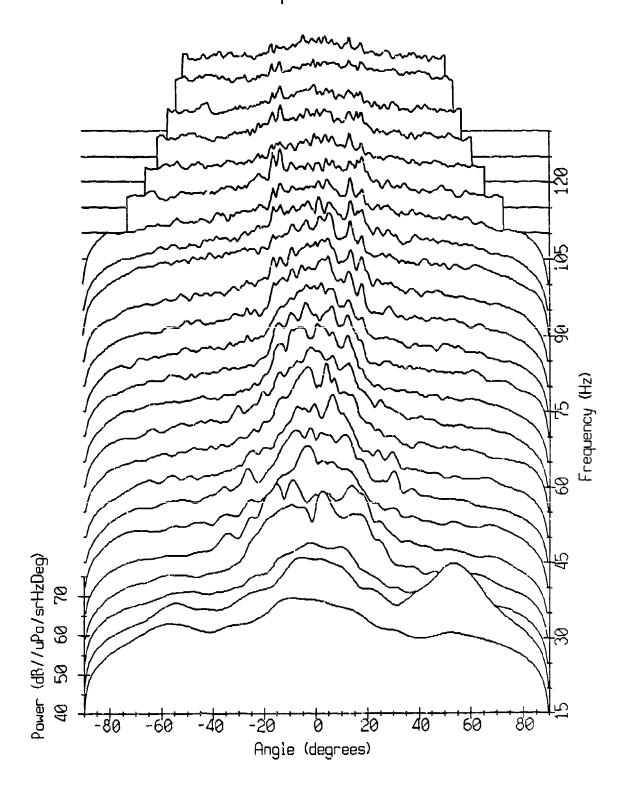
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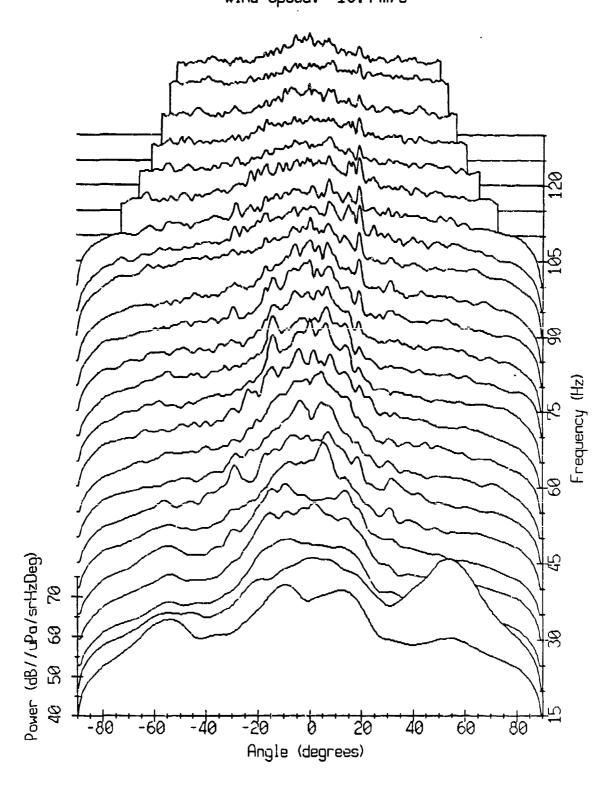
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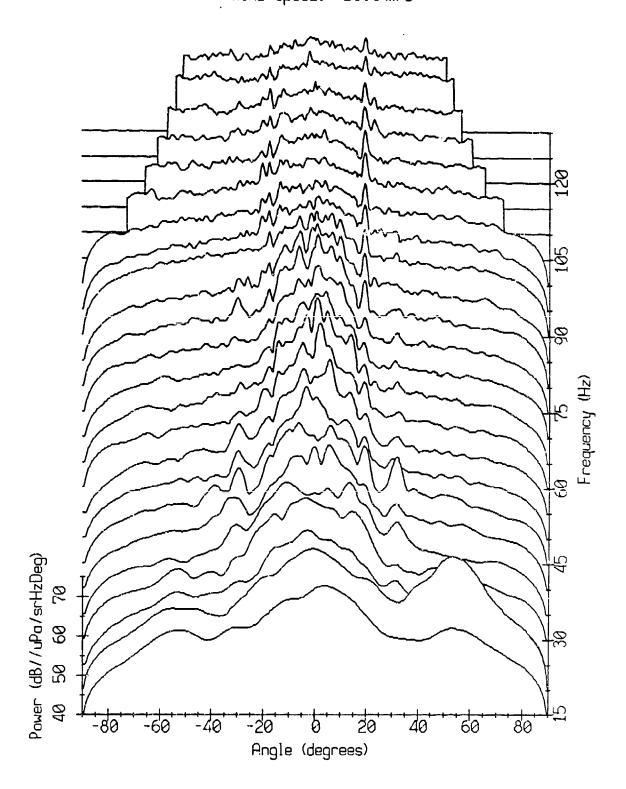
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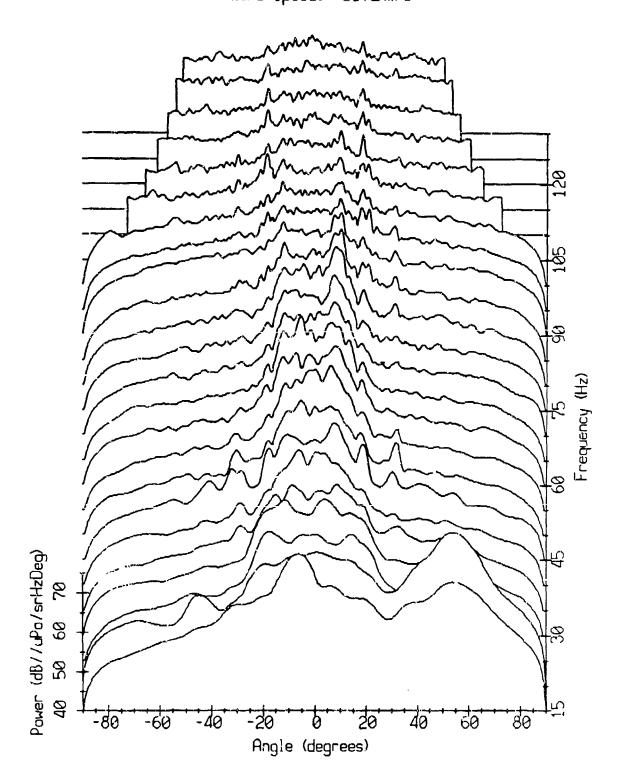
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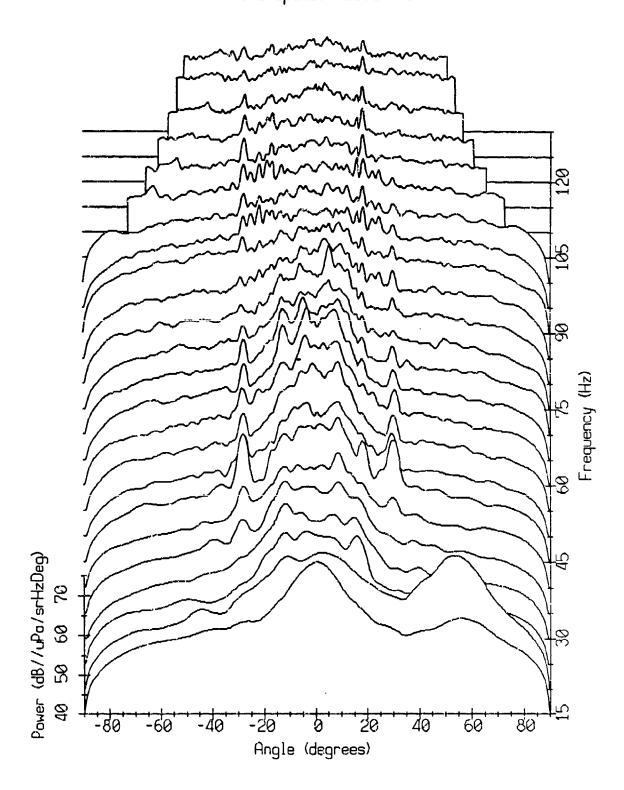
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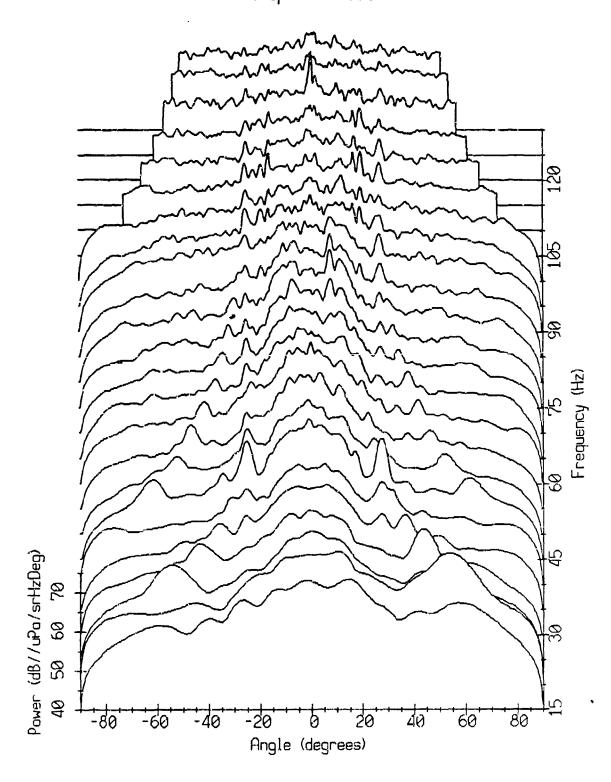
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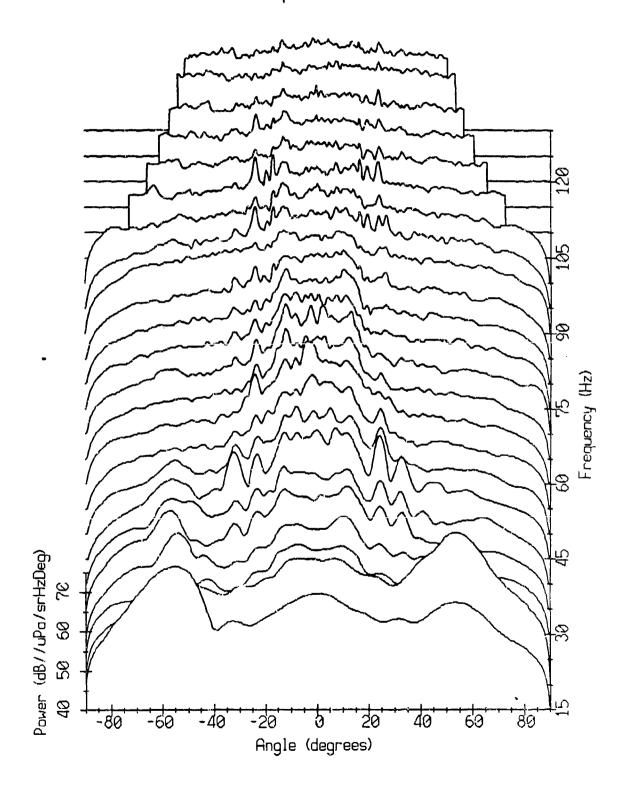
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Spatial Distribution During Storm at 1900 GMT wind speed: 11.8 m/s



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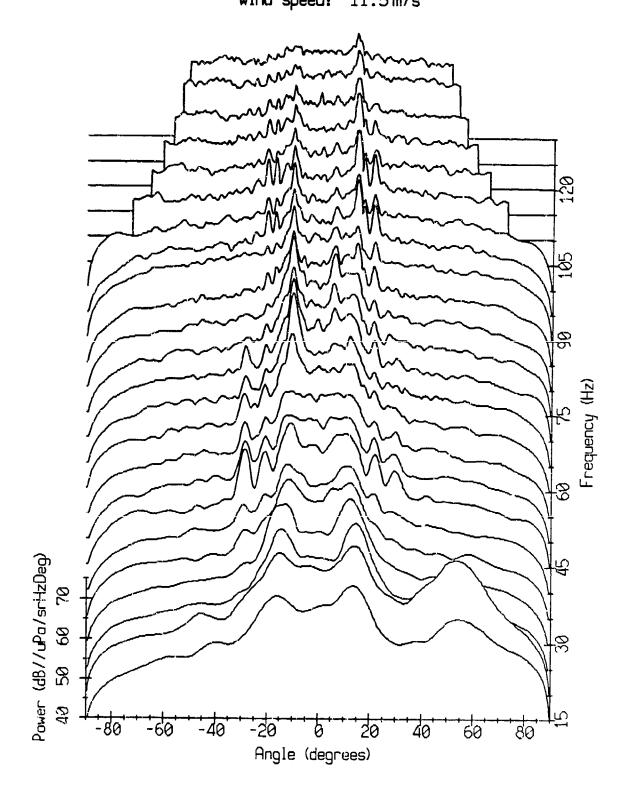
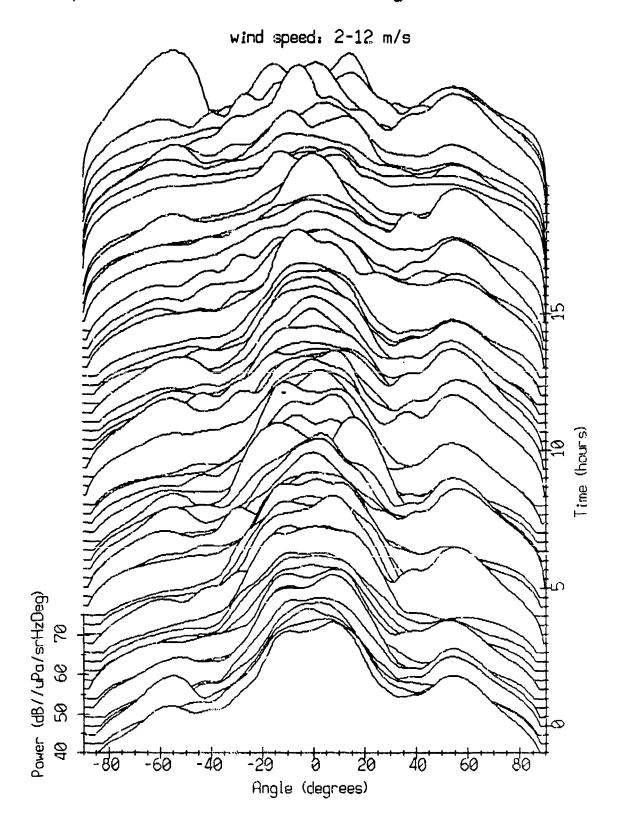
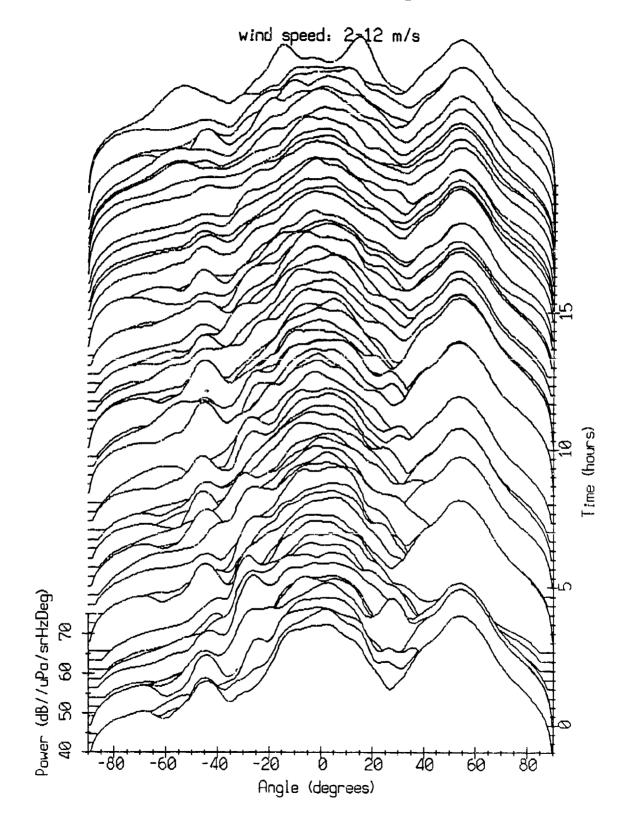
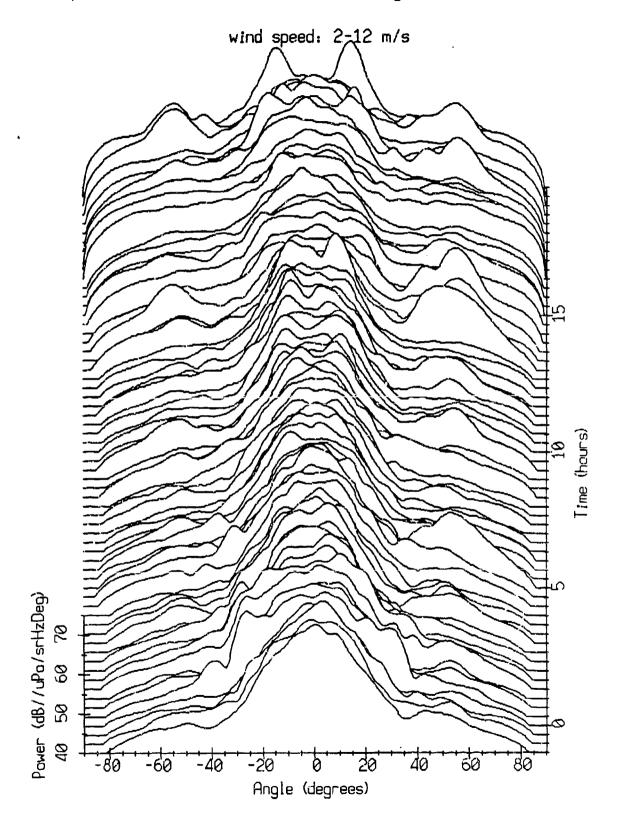


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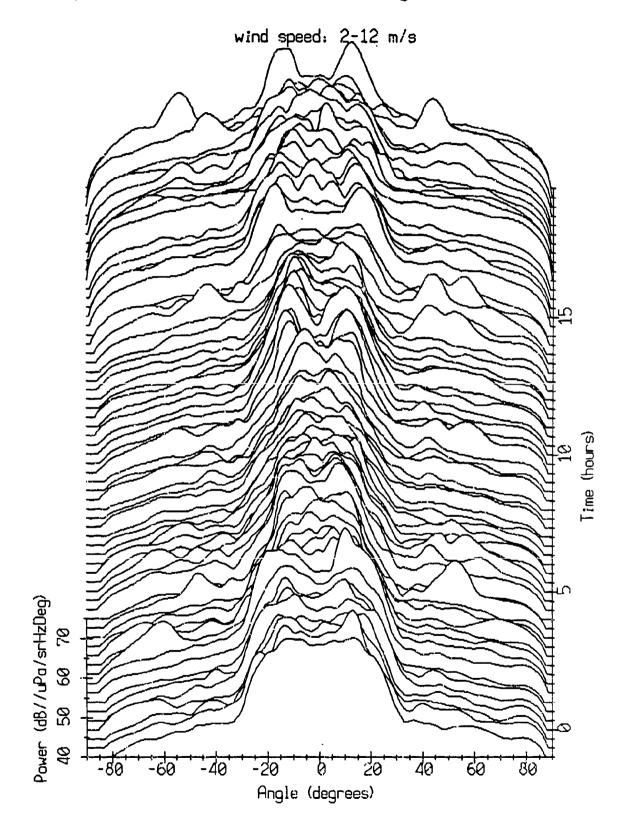
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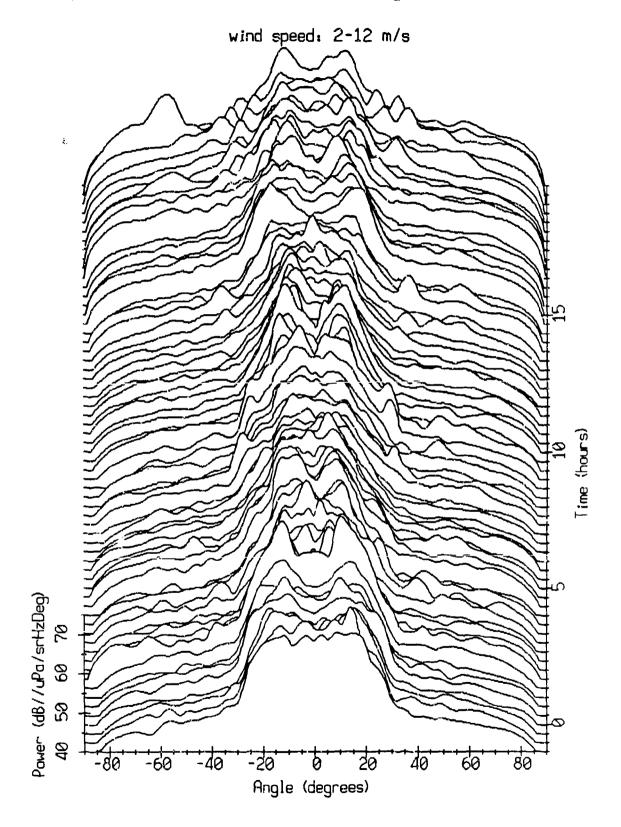


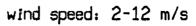


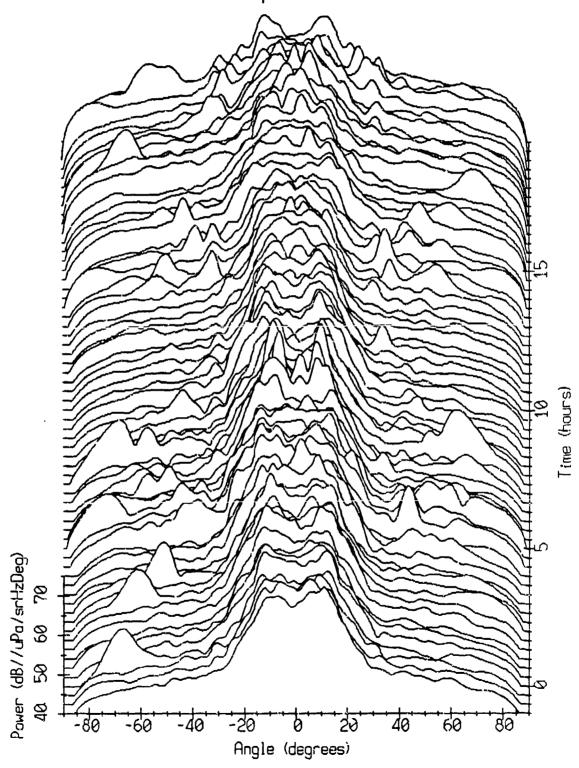


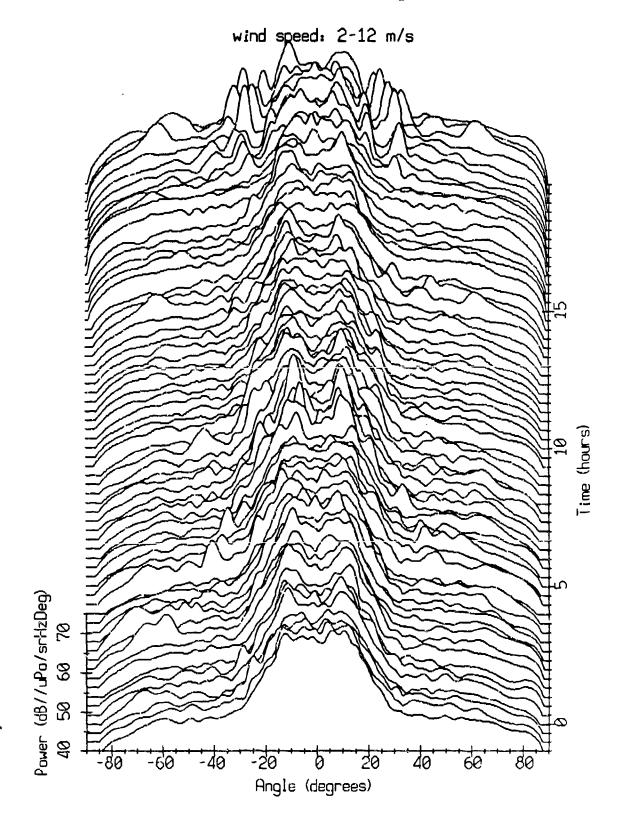
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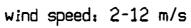


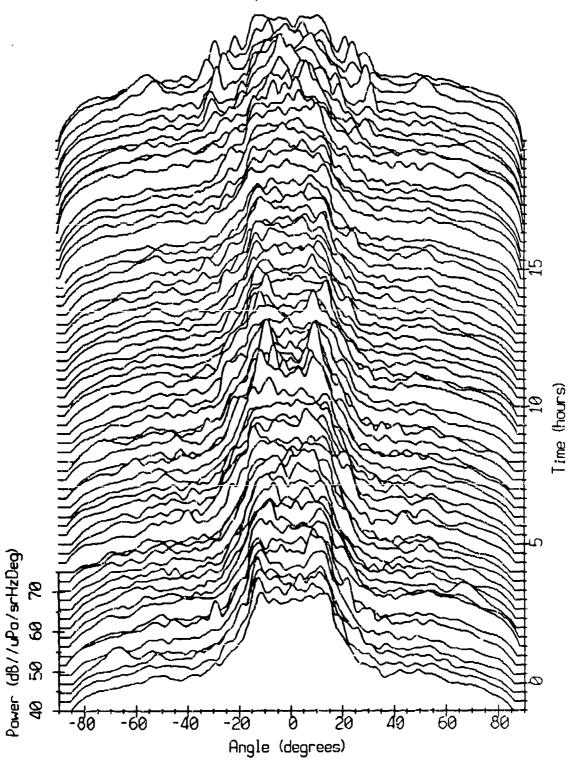




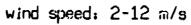


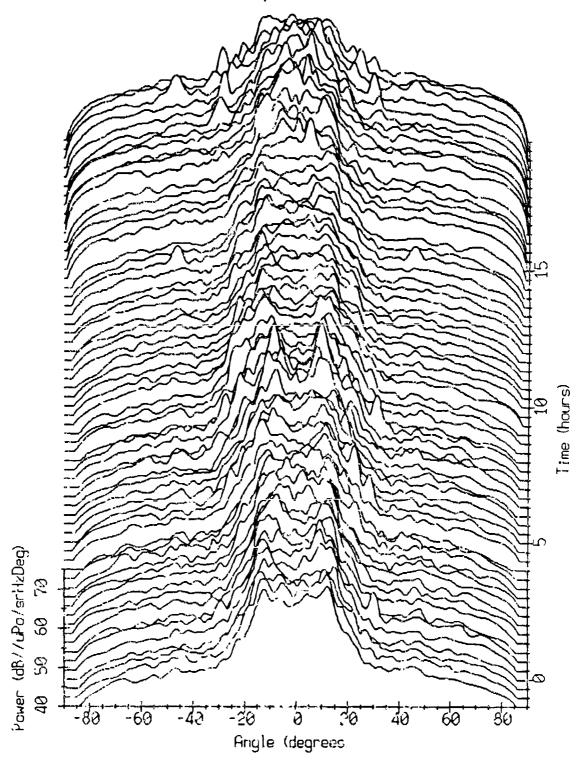


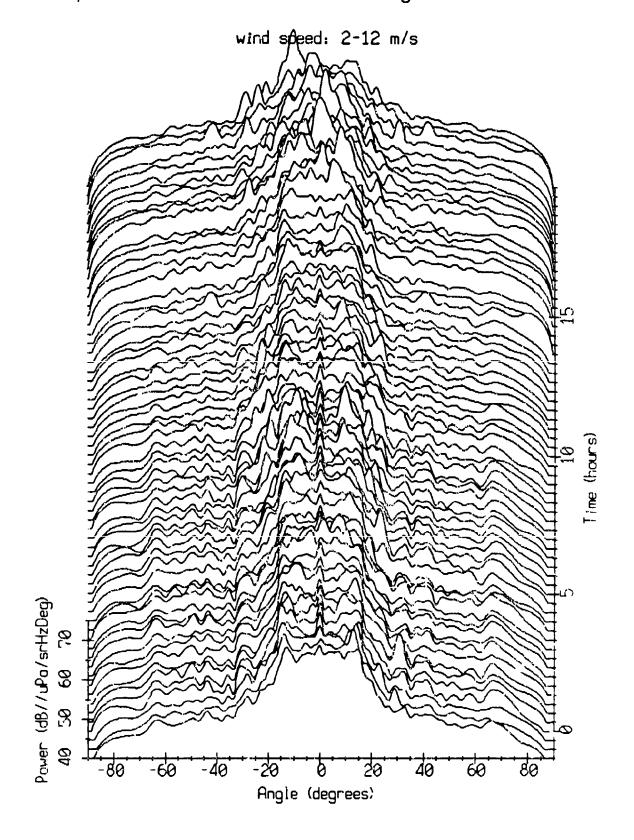




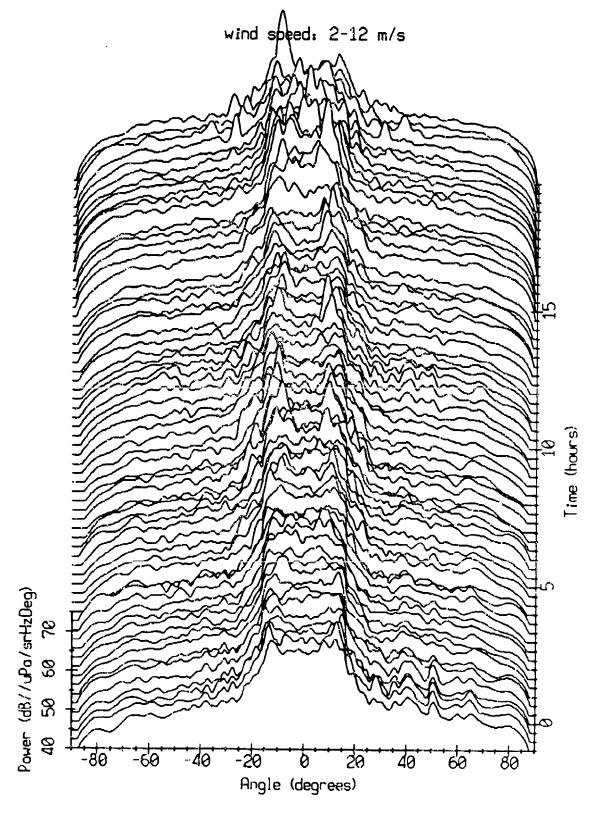
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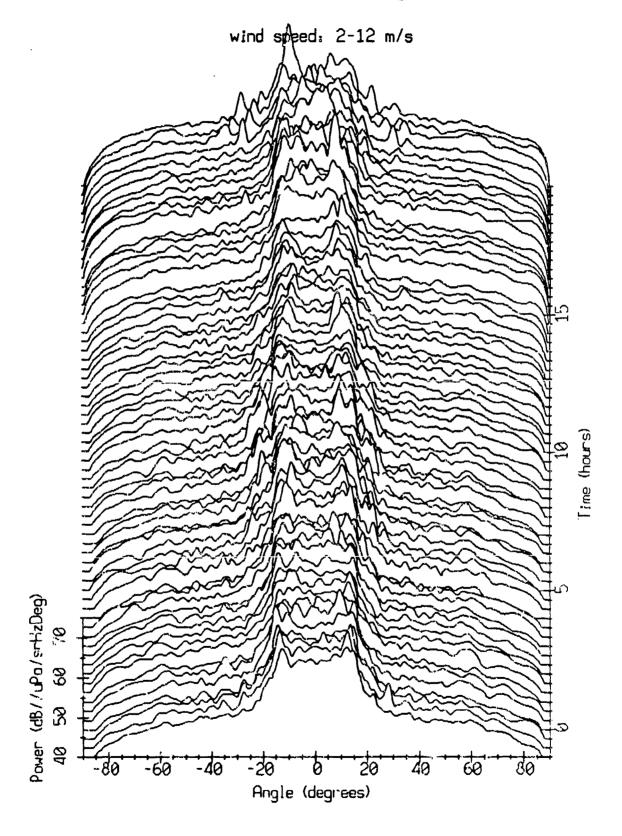




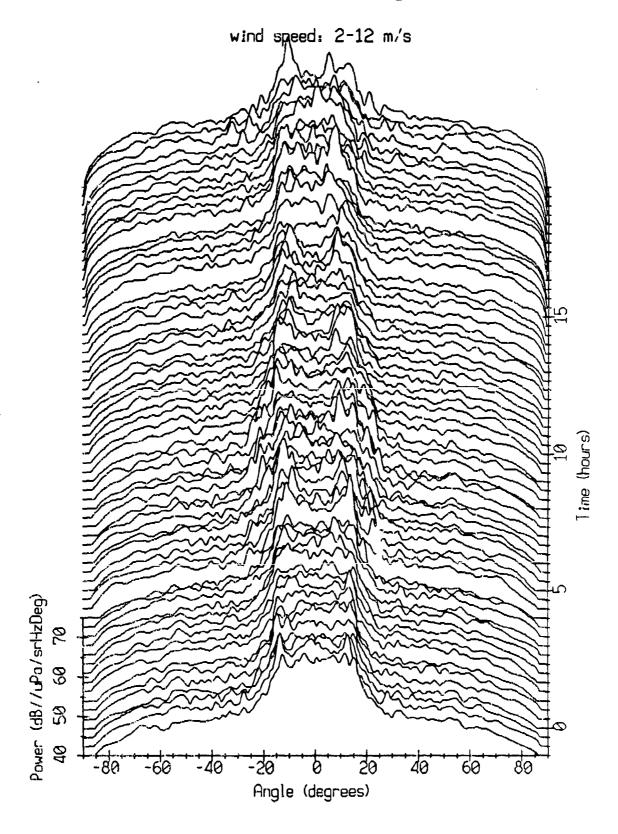
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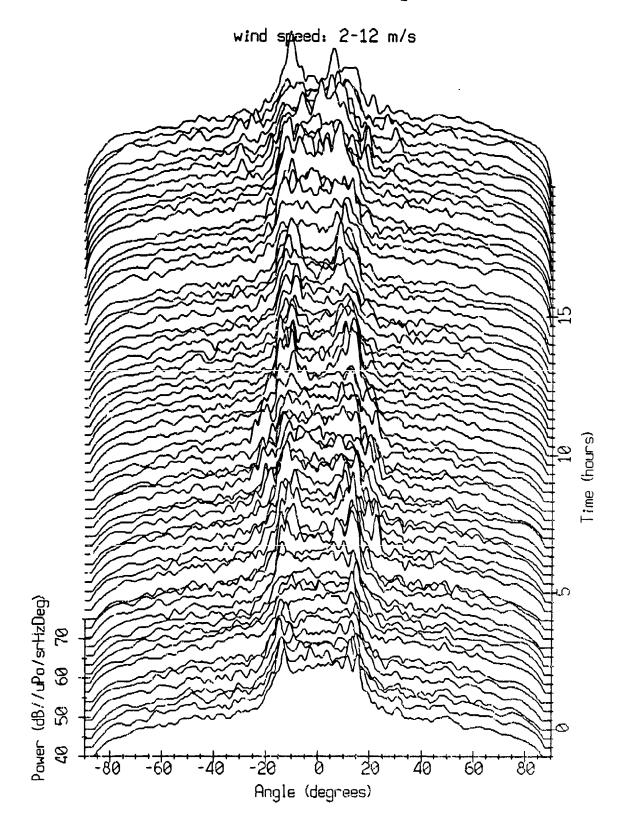


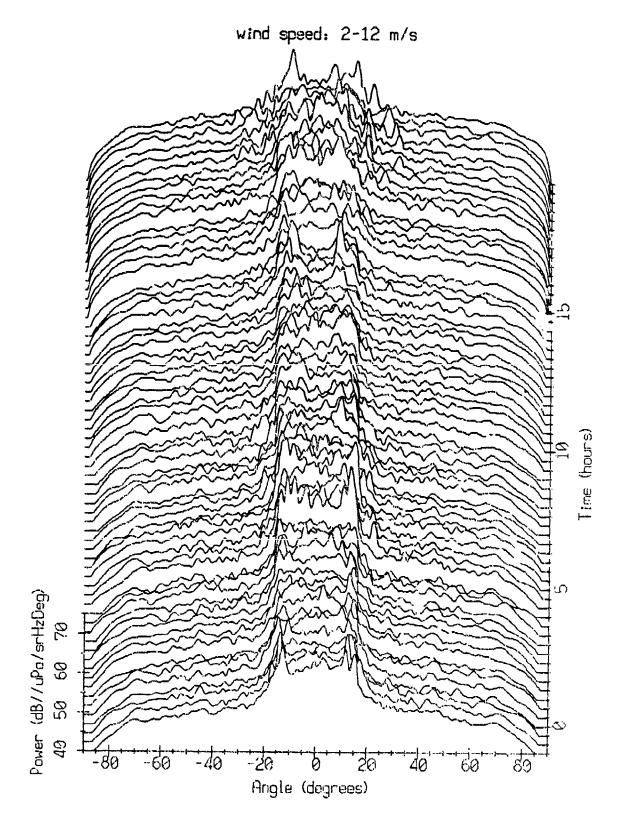
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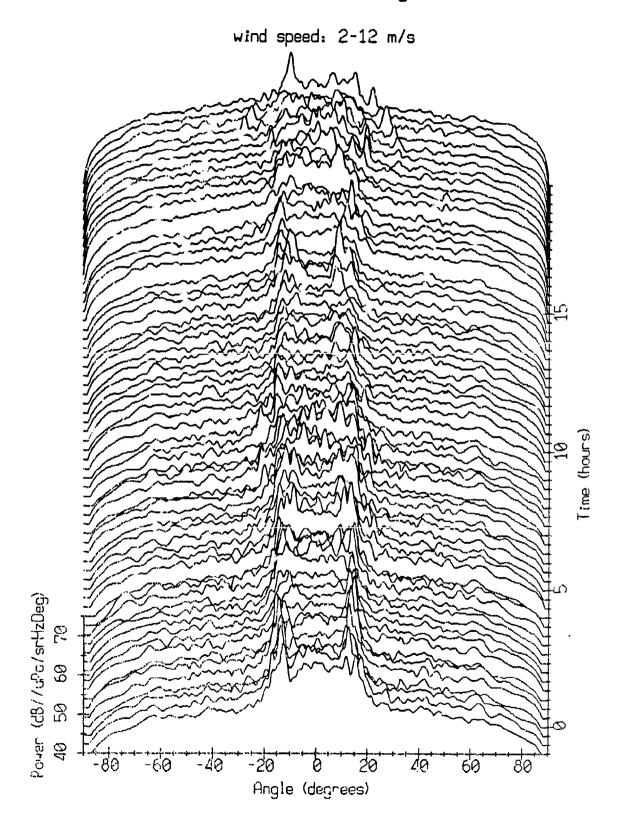


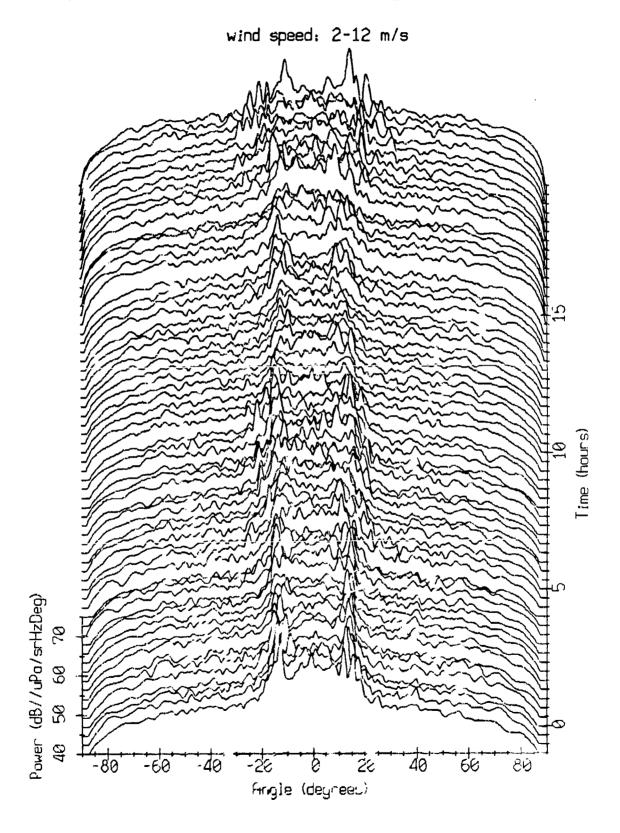
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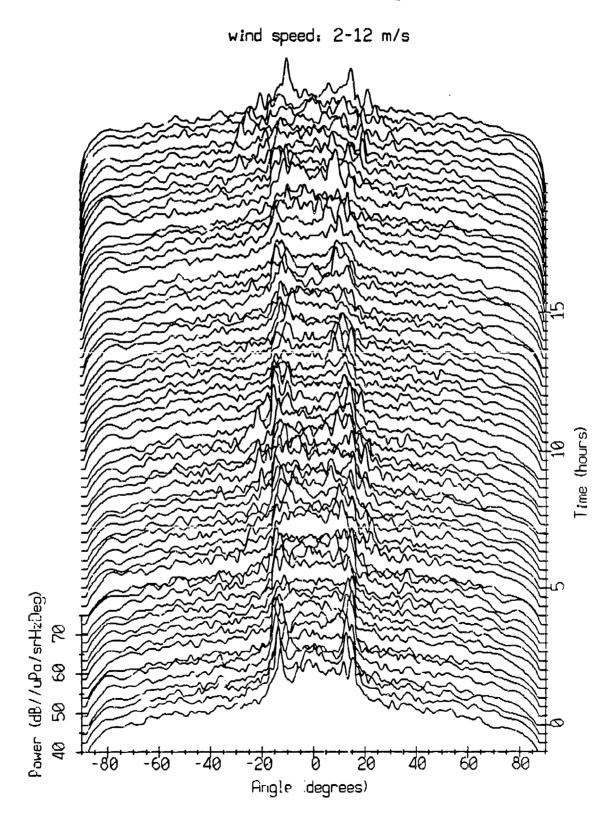


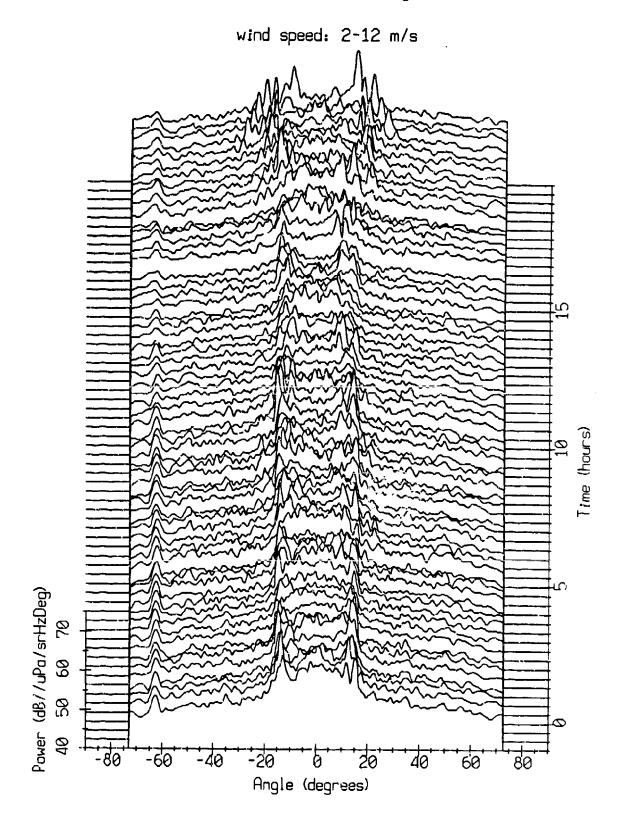




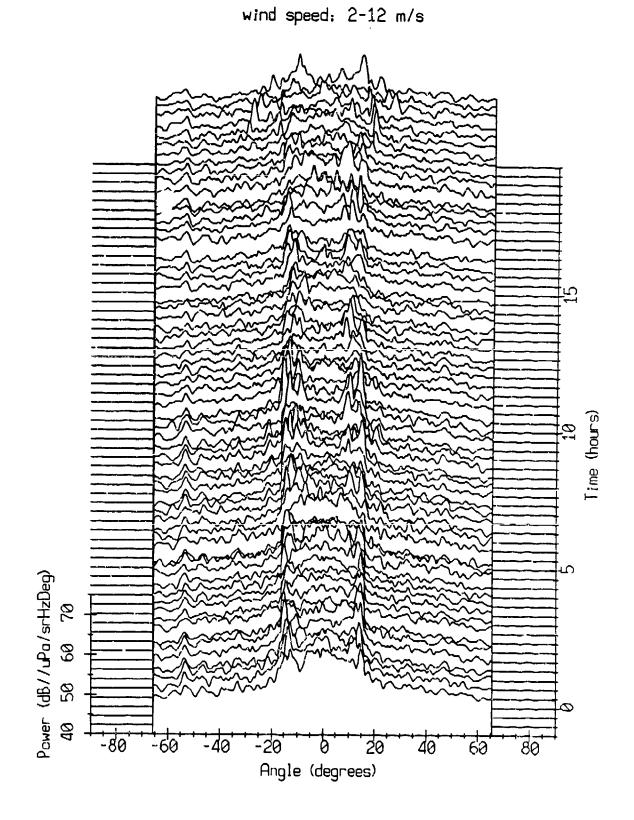




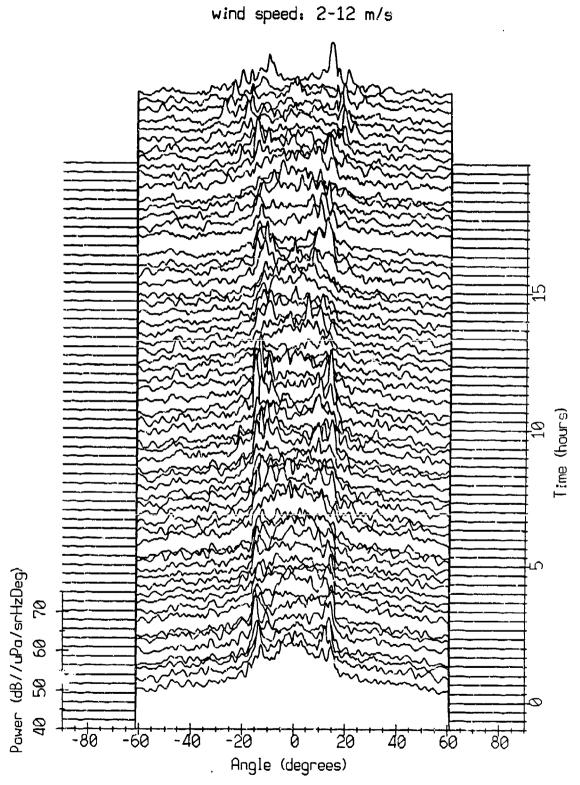




Spatial Distribution with Increasing Wind at 110 Hz

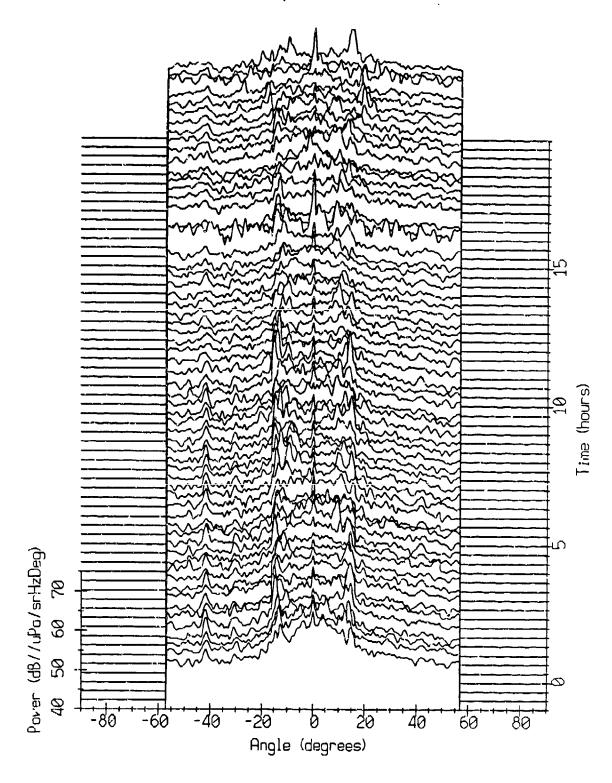


Spatial Distribution with Increasing Wind at 115 Hz

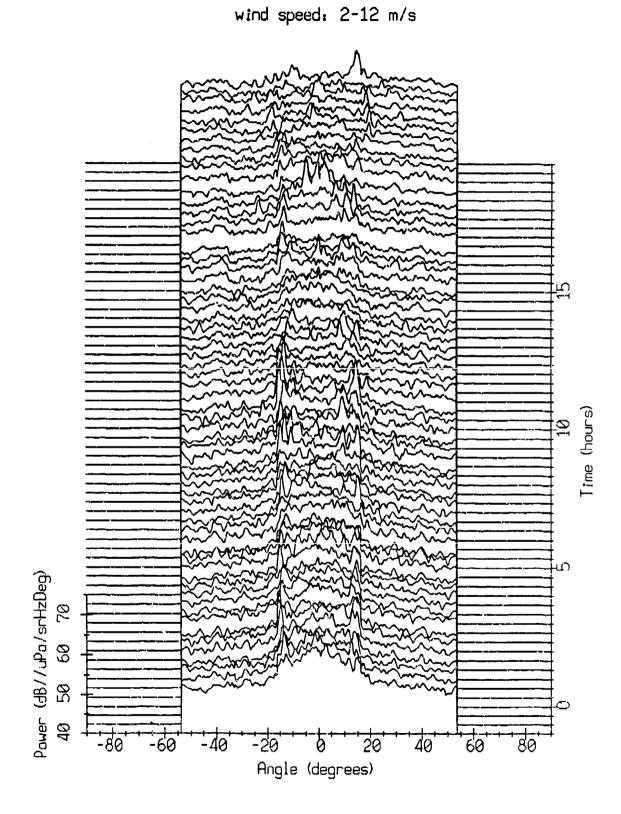


Spatial Distribution with Increasing Wind at 120 Hz

wind speed: 2-12 m/s



Spatial Distribution with Increasing Wind at 125 Hz



Spatial Distribution with Increasing Wind at 130 Hz wind speed: 2-12 m/s

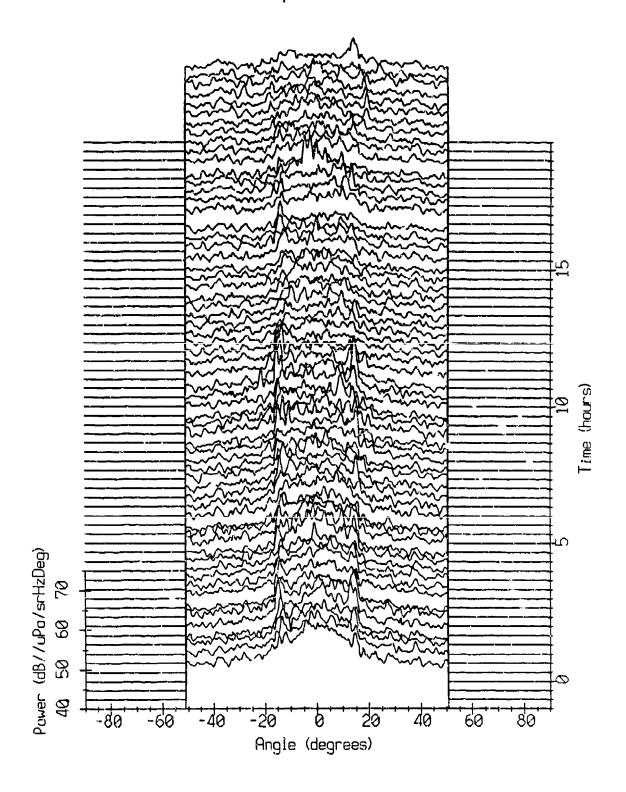
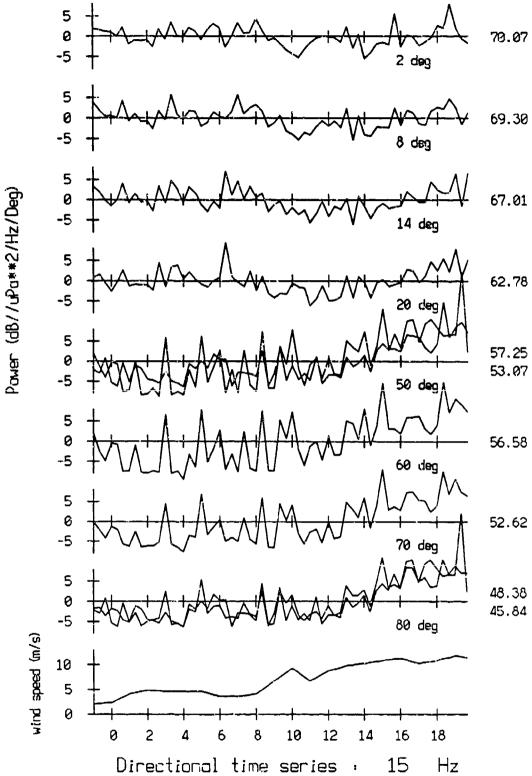
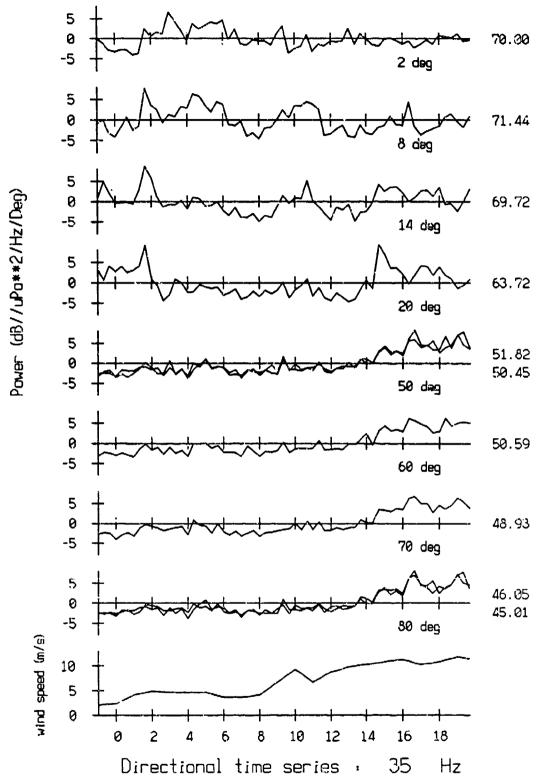


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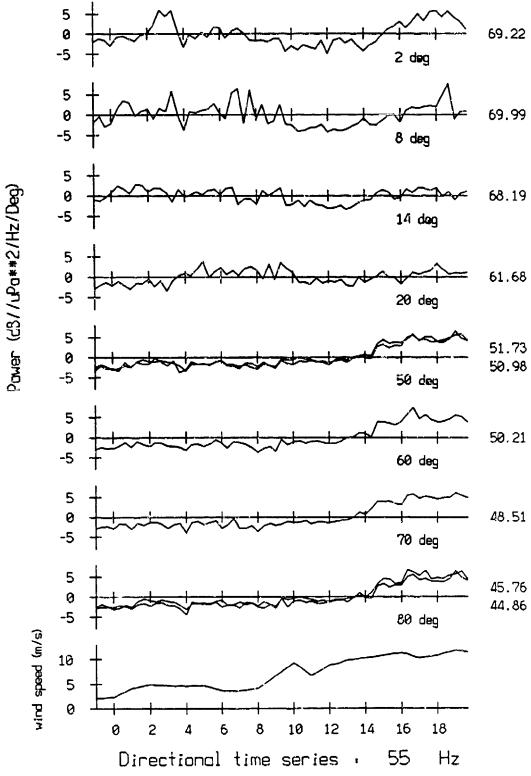
Directional 21 hour time series at specified frequencies.



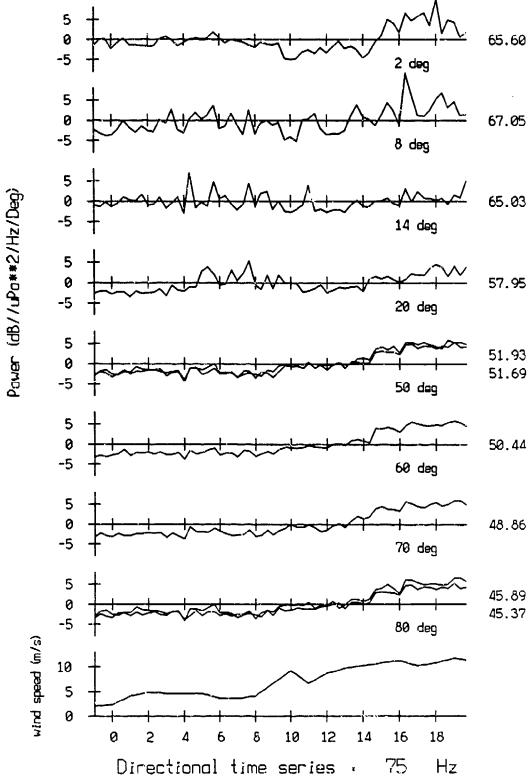
Time (hours) from Jday 258, increasing wind speed



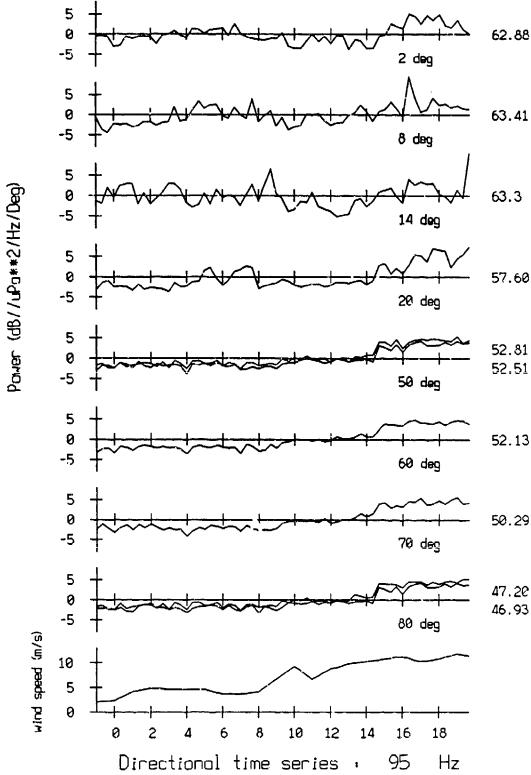
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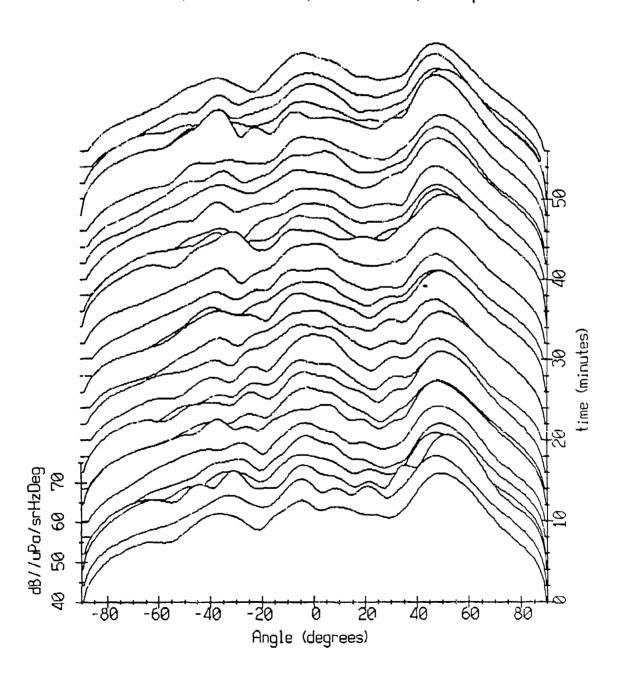


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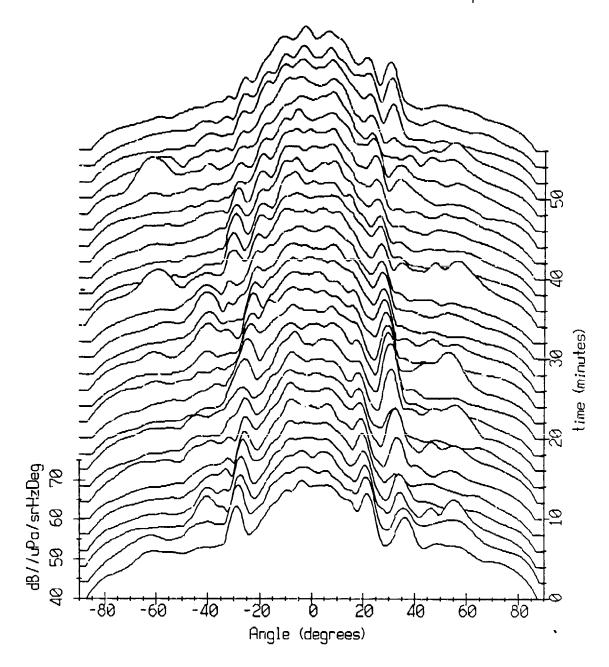
Figure 5.

Spatial spectra 1 hour time series at low wind speeds.

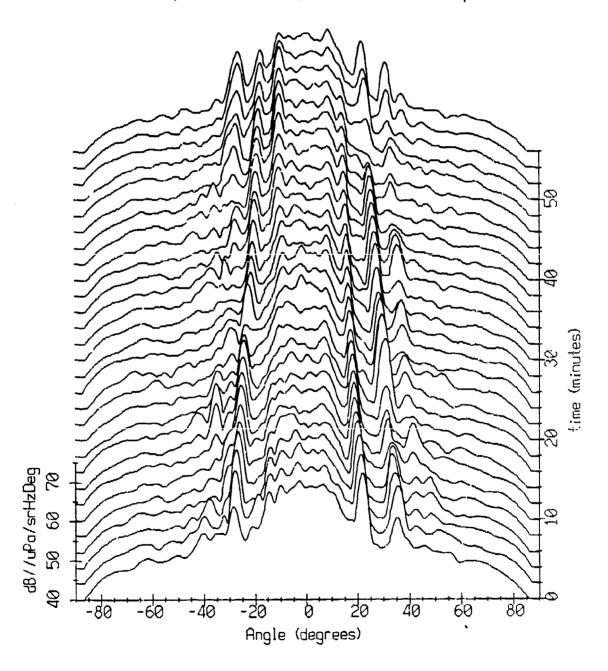
Spatial Distribution at Low Wind Speed, 15 Hz 268/1000, 120 elements, KB window, 512 pt



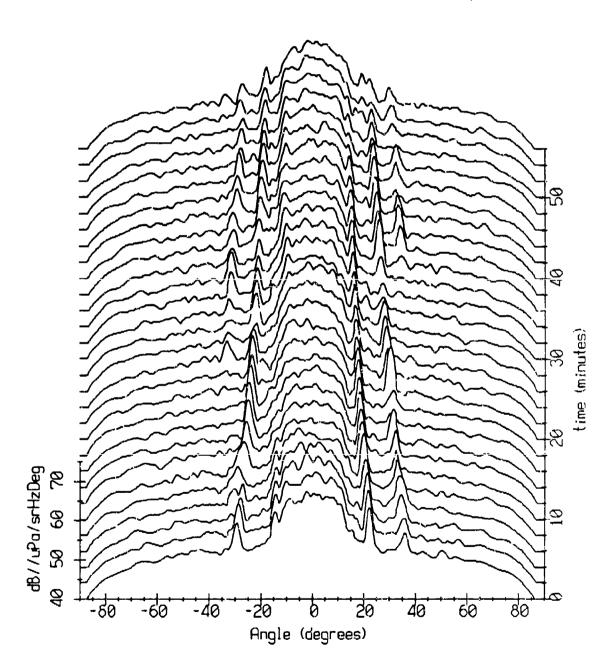
Spatial Distribution at Low Wind Speed, 35 Hz 268/1000, 120 elements, KB window, 512 pt



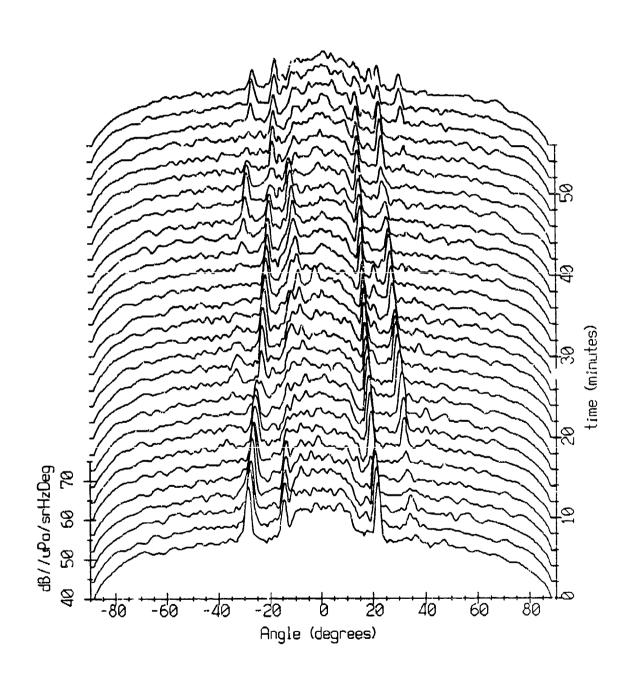
Spatial Distribution at Low Wind Speed, 55 Hz 268/1000, 120 elements, KB window, 512 pt



Spatial Distribution at Low Wind Speed, 75 Hz 268/1000, 120 elements, KB window, 512 pt



Spatial Distribution at Low Wind Speed, 95 Hz 268/1000, 120 elements, KB window, 512 pt



Spatial Distribution at Low Wind Speed, 115Hz 268/1000, 120 elements, KB window, 512 pt

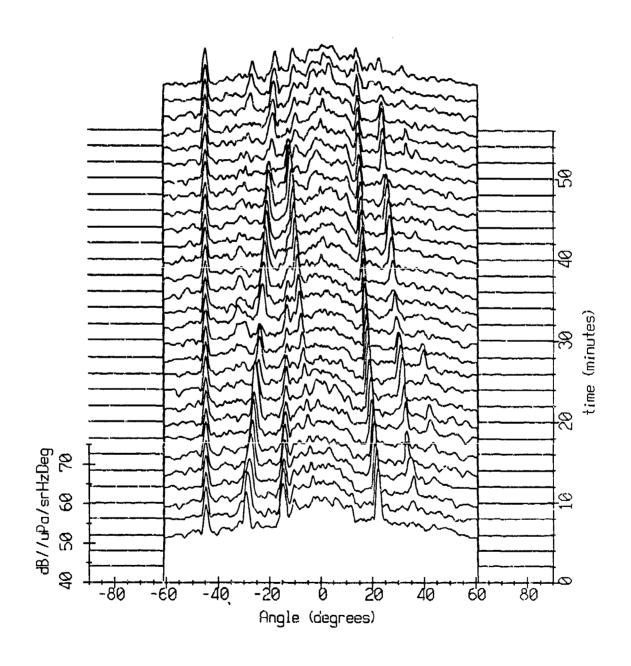
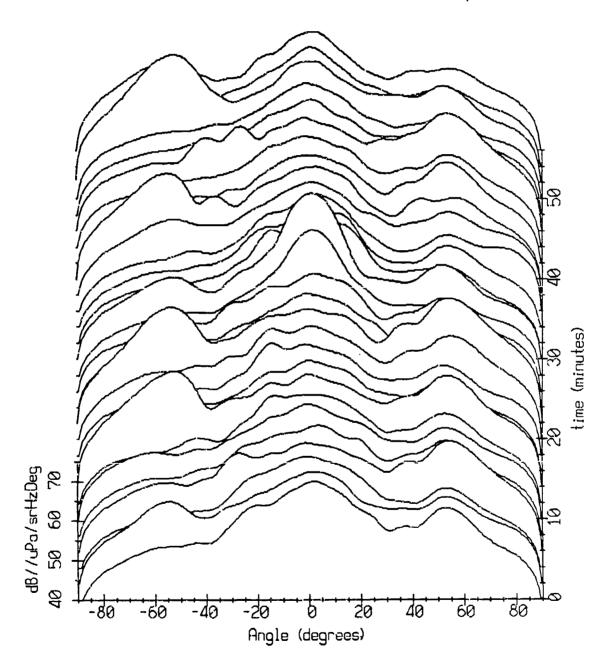


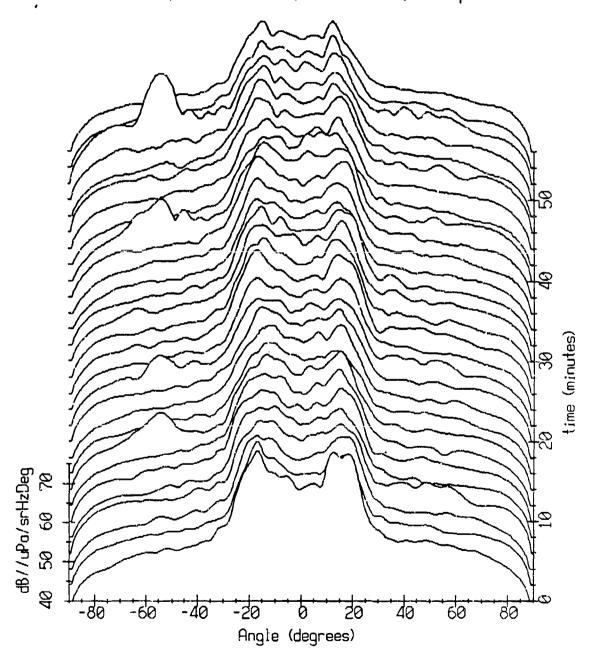
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Spatial spectra 1 hour time series at high wind speeds.

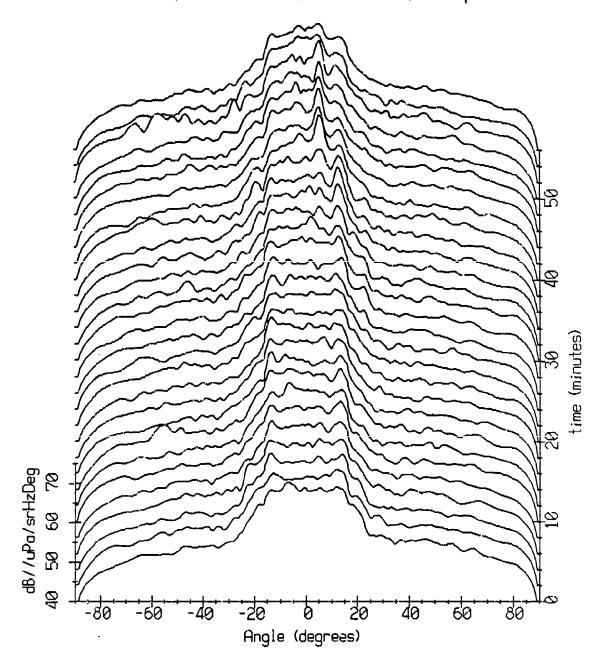
Spatial Distribution at High Wind Speed, 15 Hz 258/1430, 120 elements, KB window, 512 pt



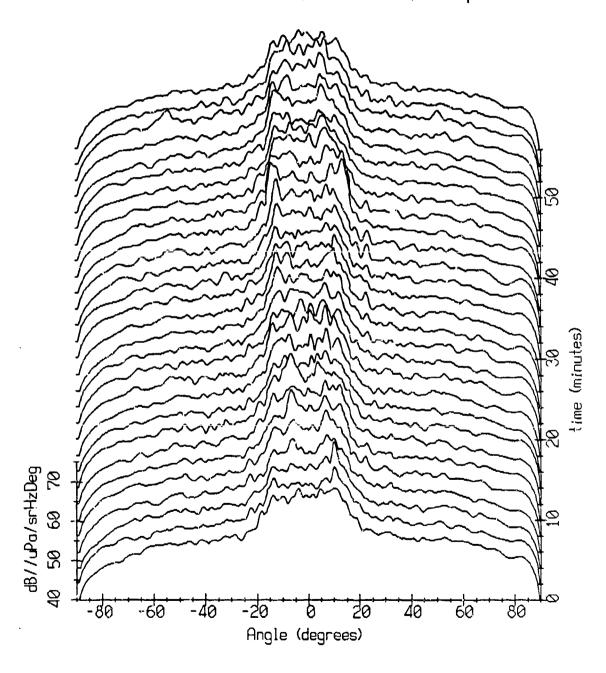
Spatial Distribution at High Wind Speed, 35 Hz. 258/1430, 120 elements, KB window, 512 pt



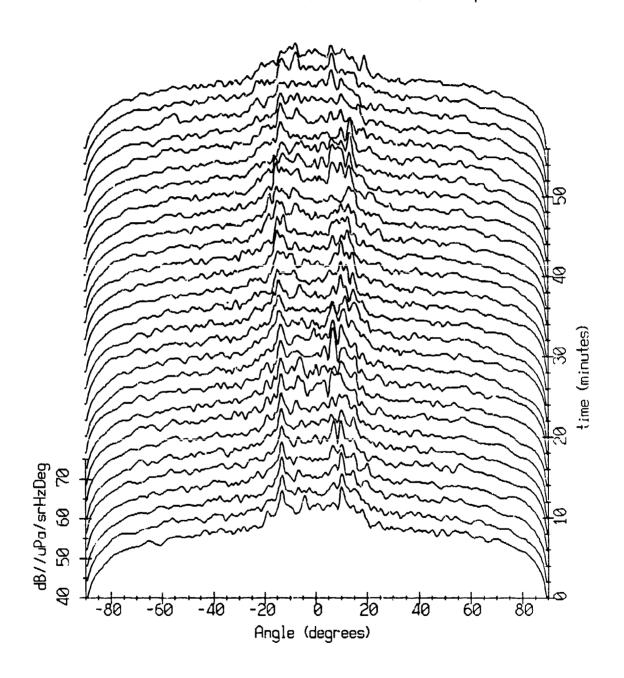
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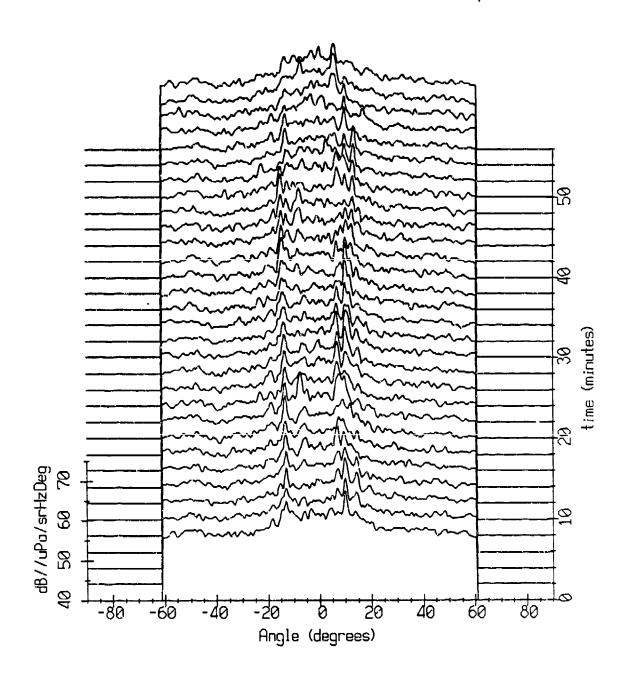
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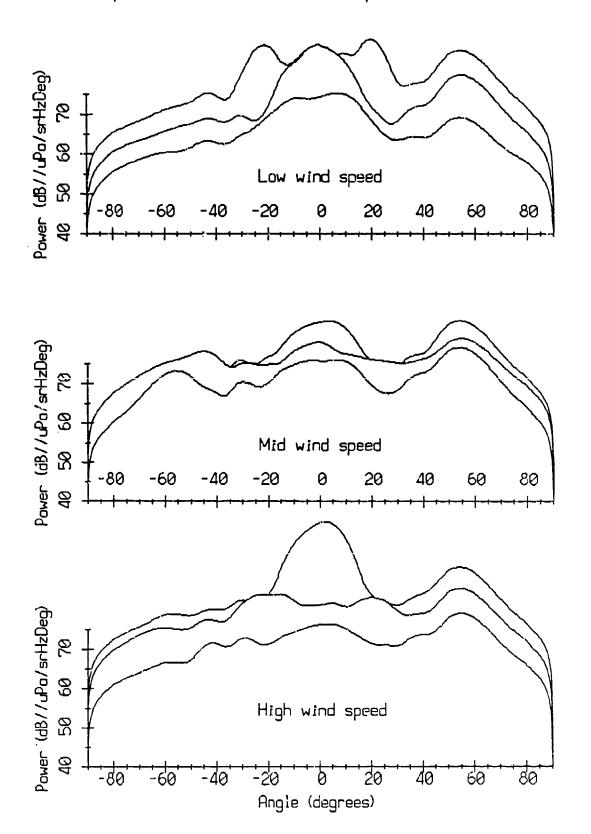
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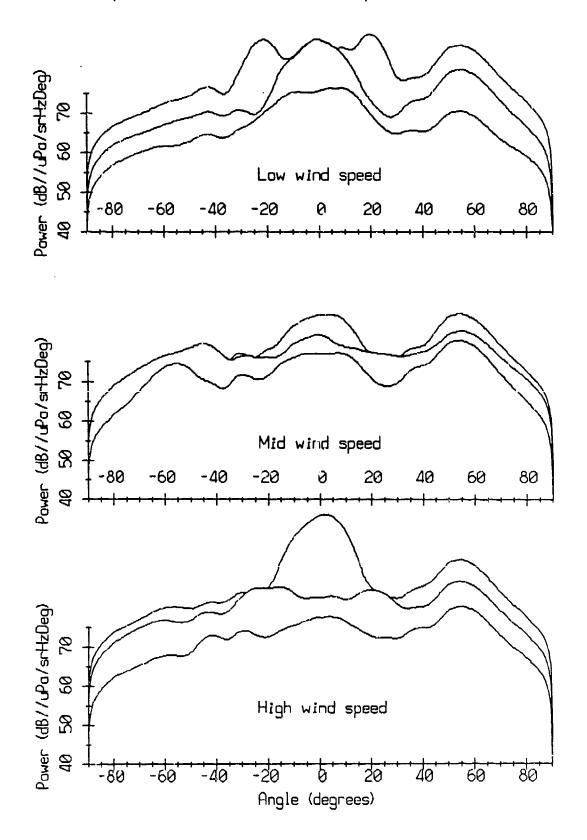


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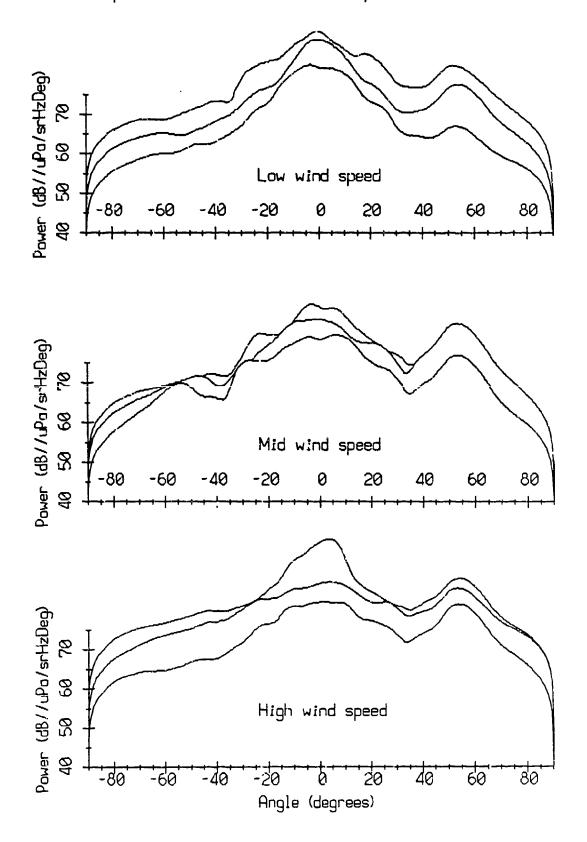


Spatial spectra versus array depth at specified frequencies and wind speeds.

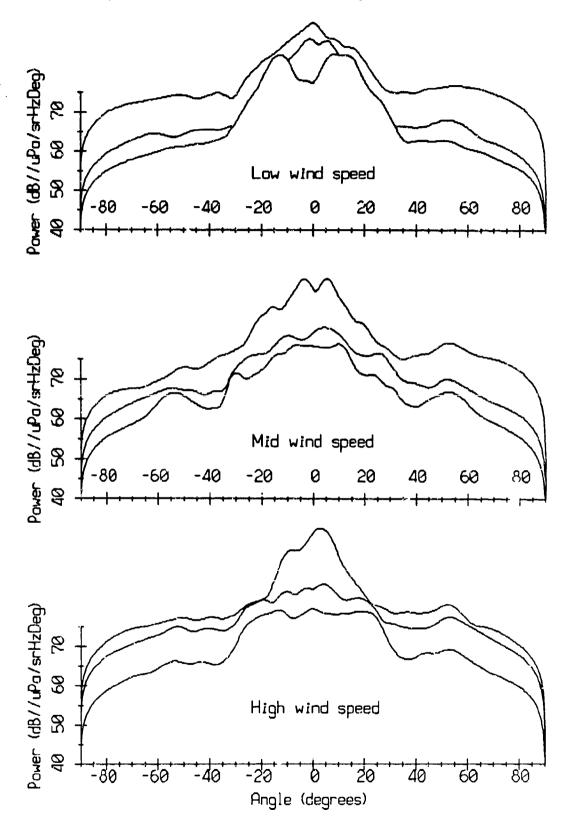




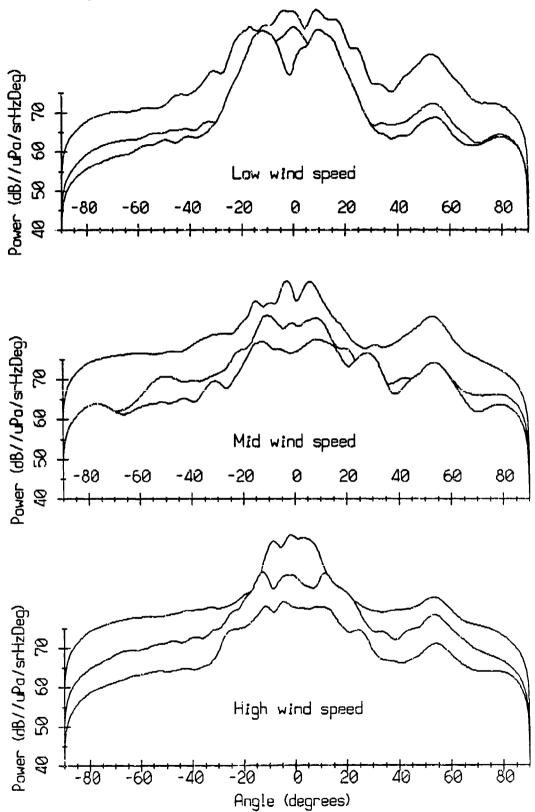
Spatial Distribution vs. Depth at 25 Hz



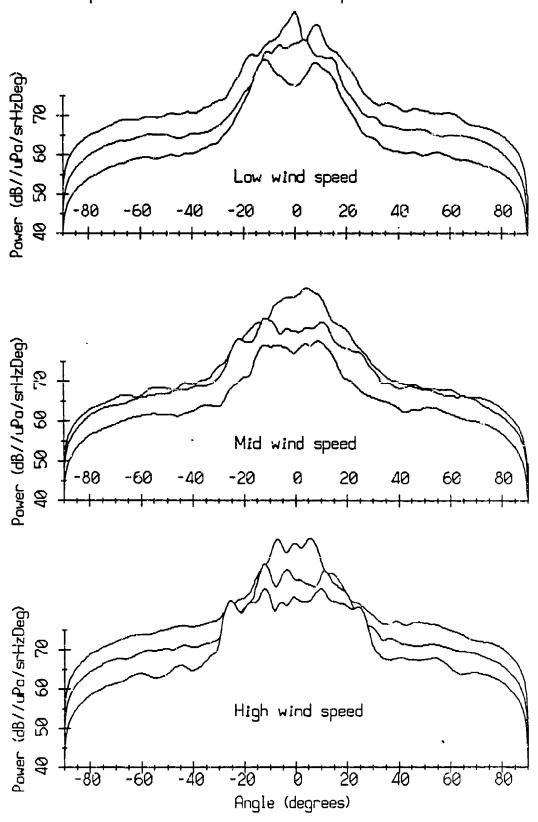
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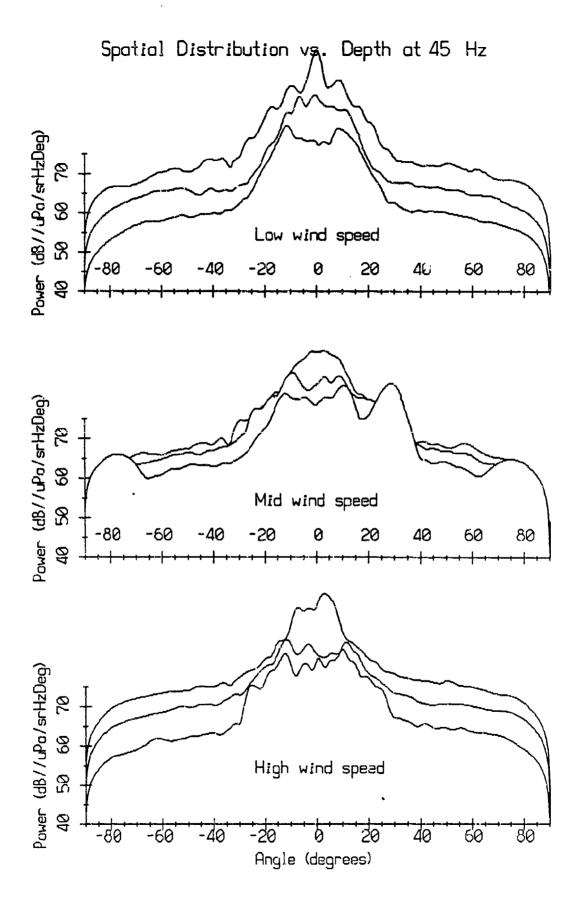


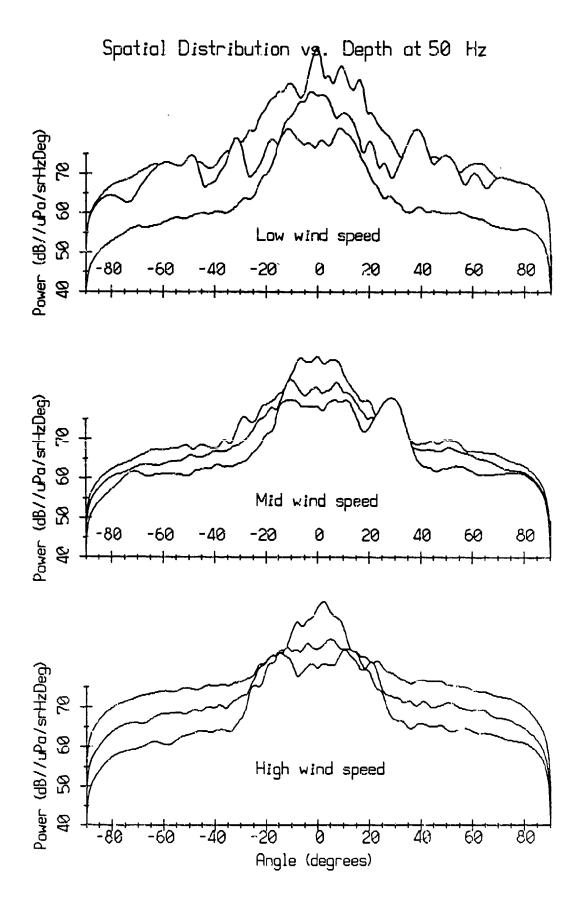
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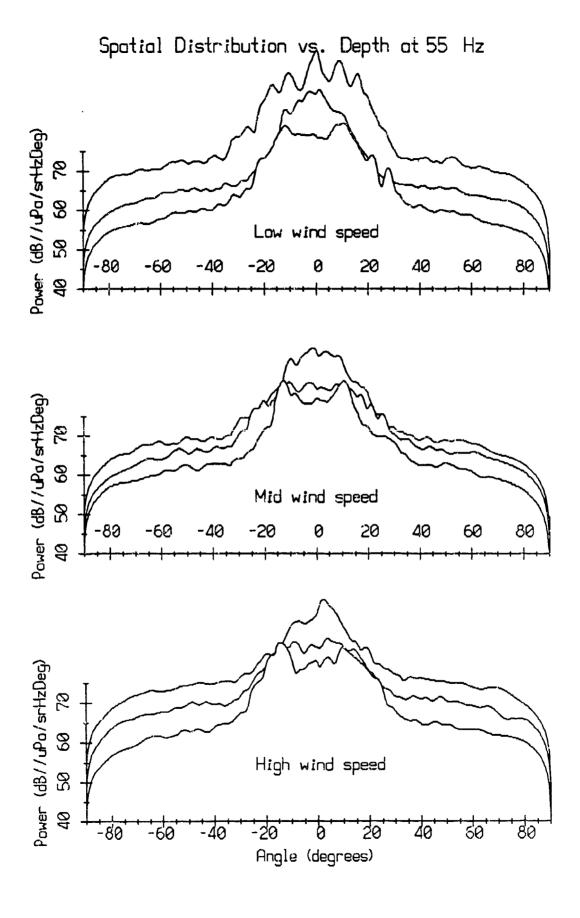


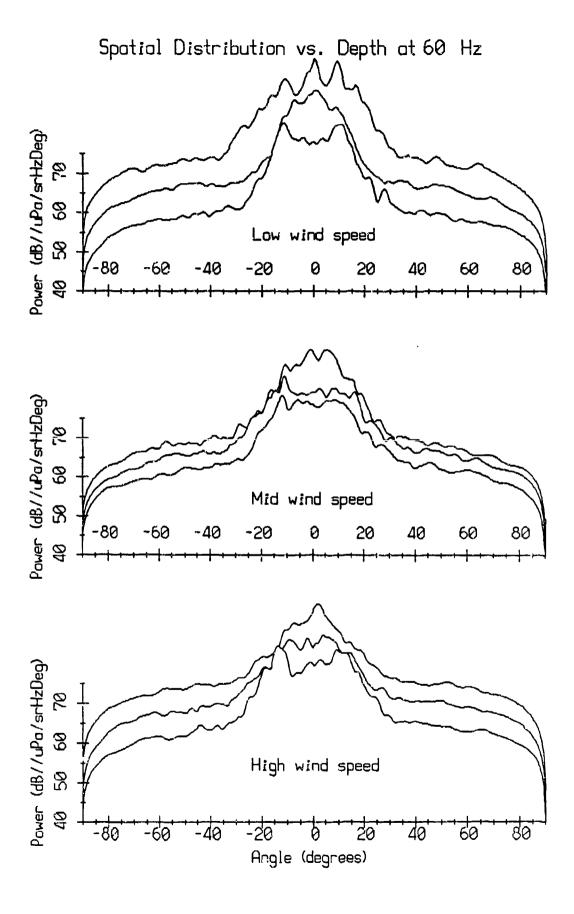
Spatial Distribution vs. Depth at 40 Hz

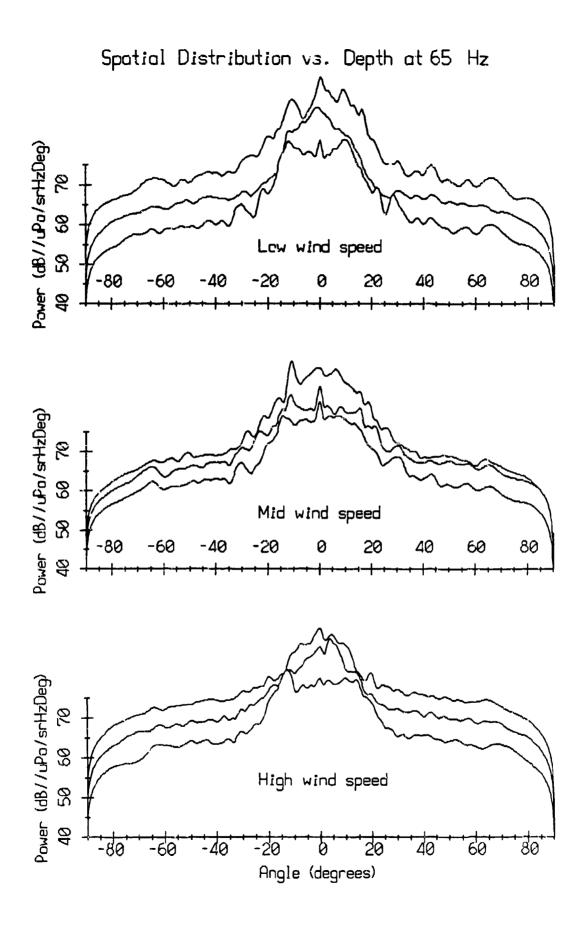




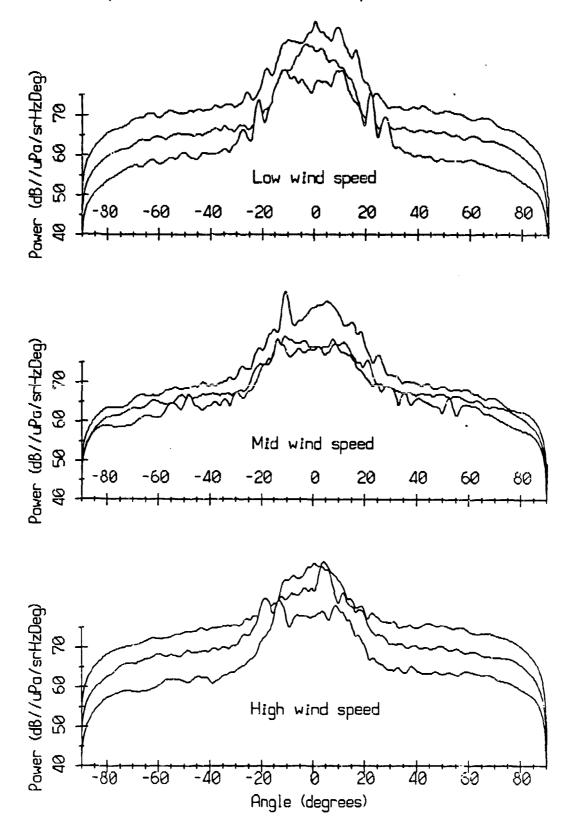


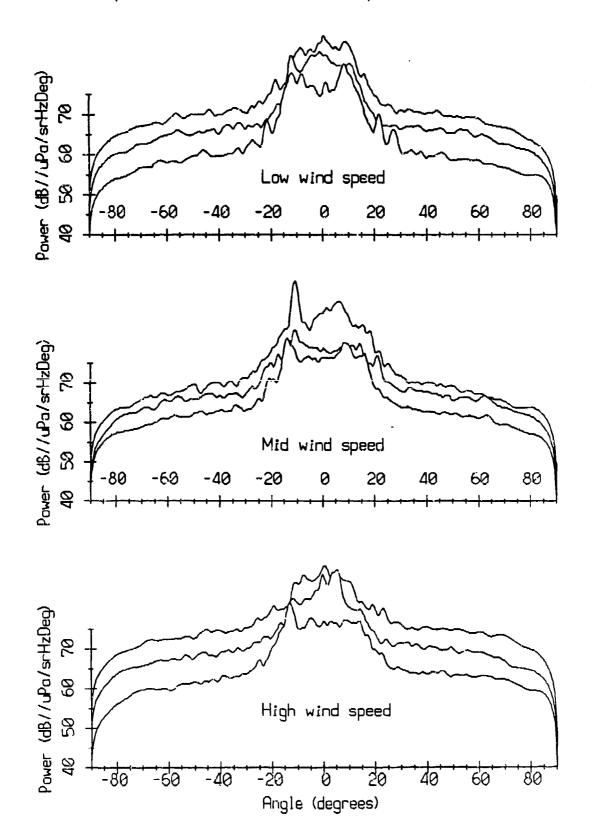


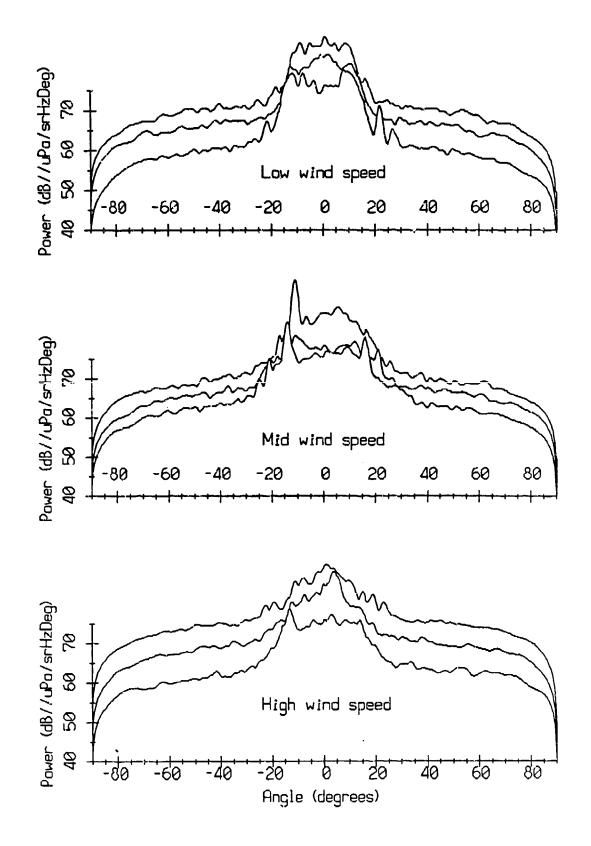


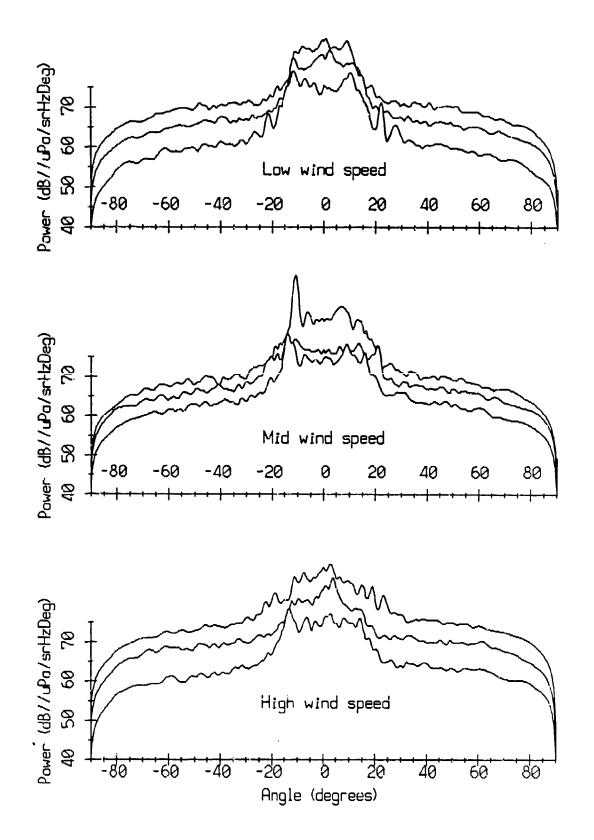


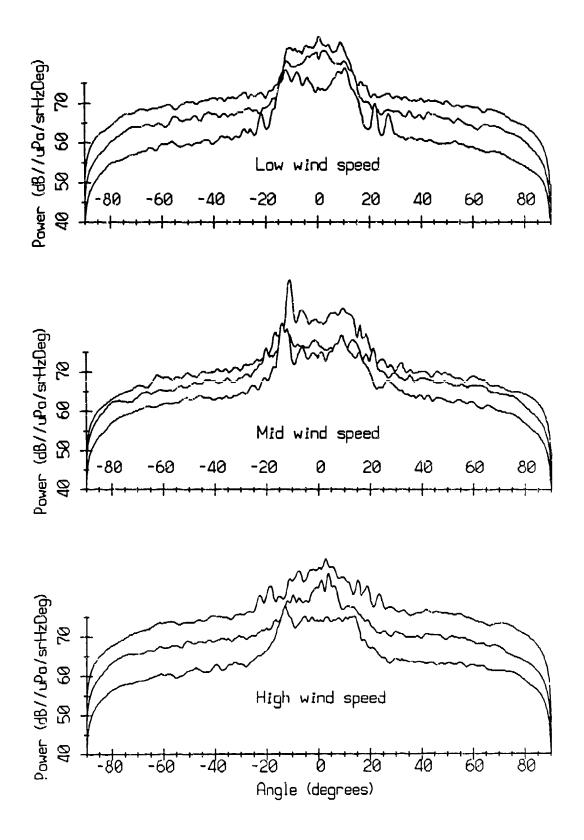
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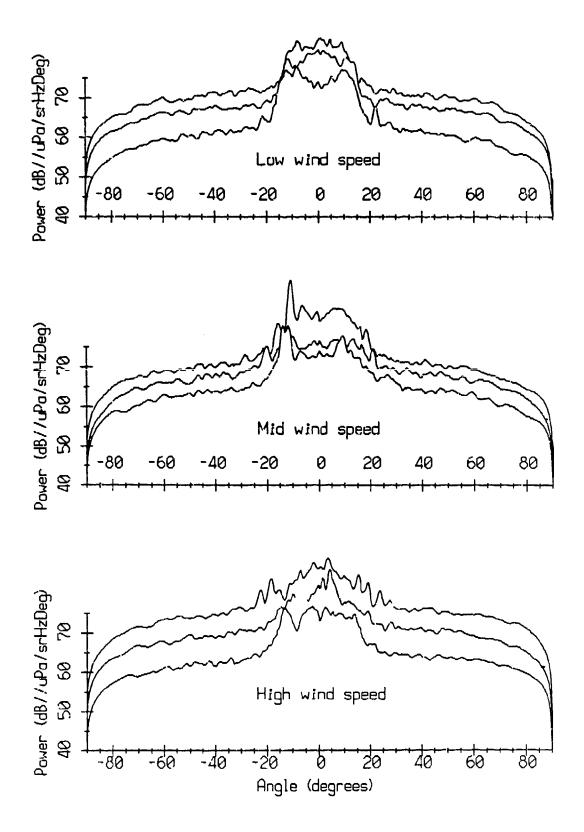


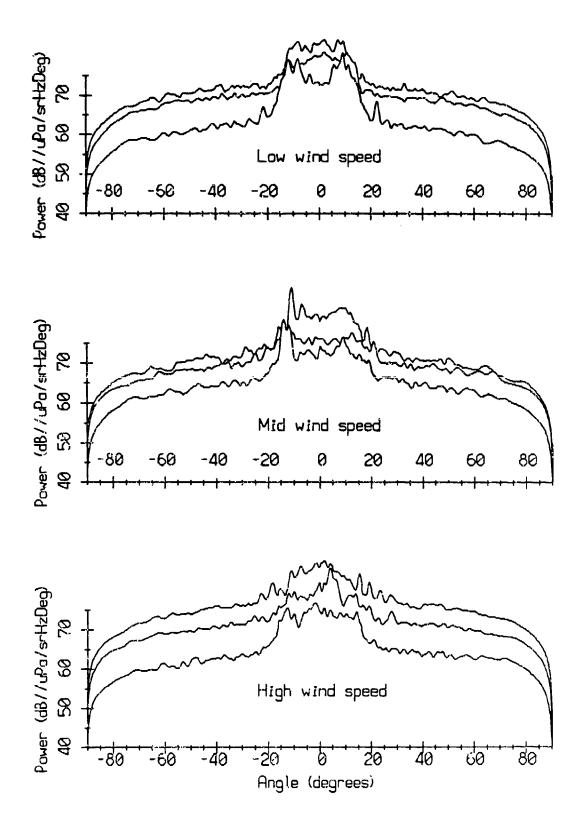


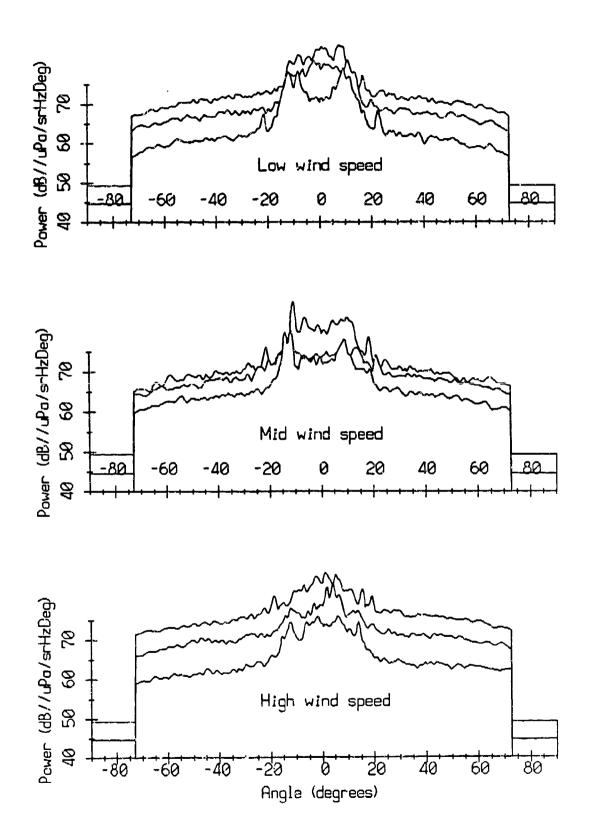


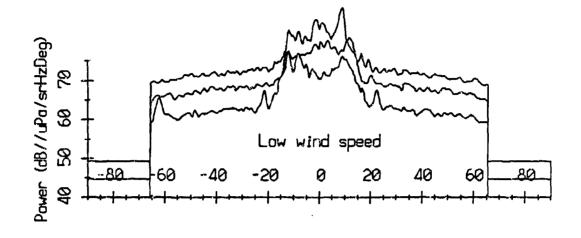


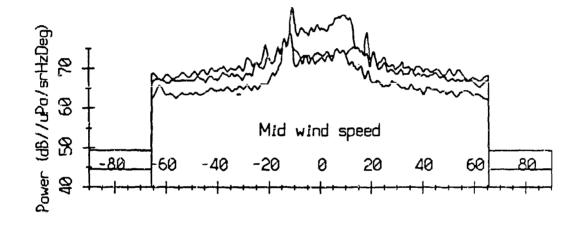


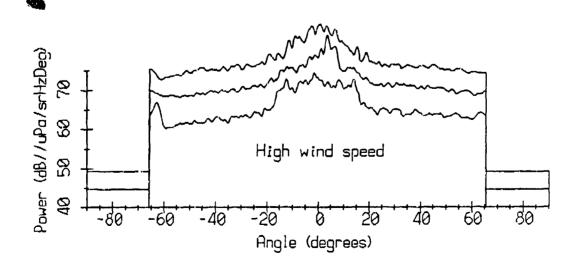


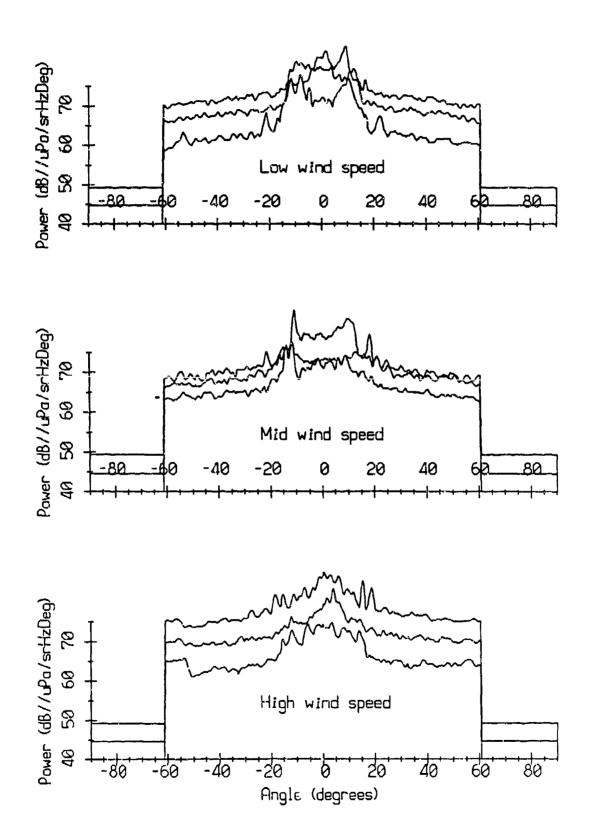


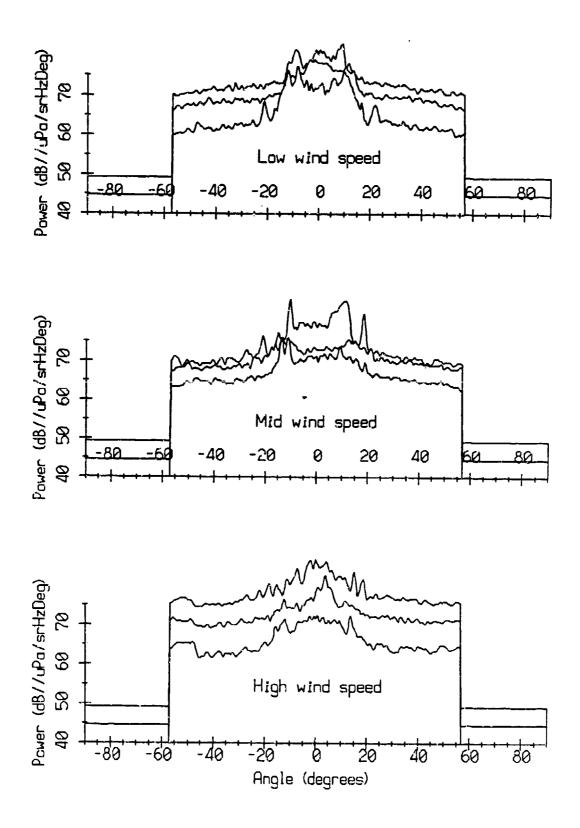


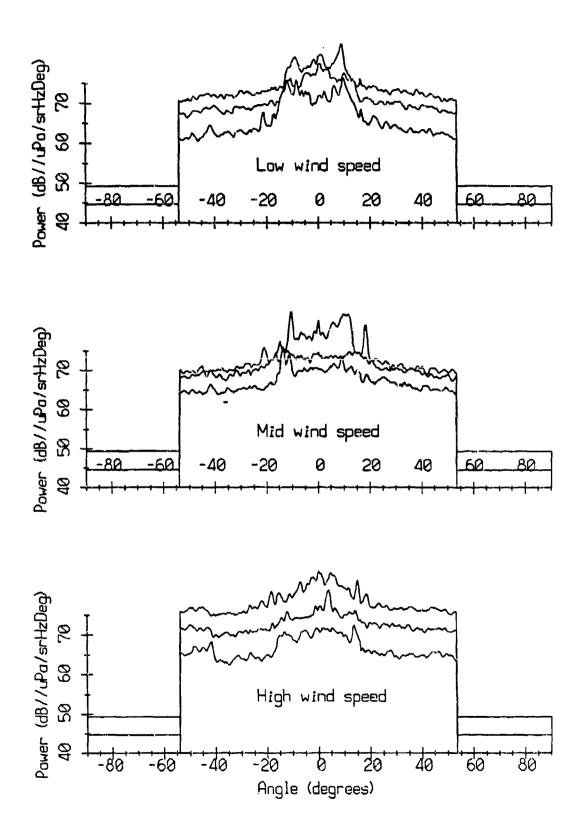


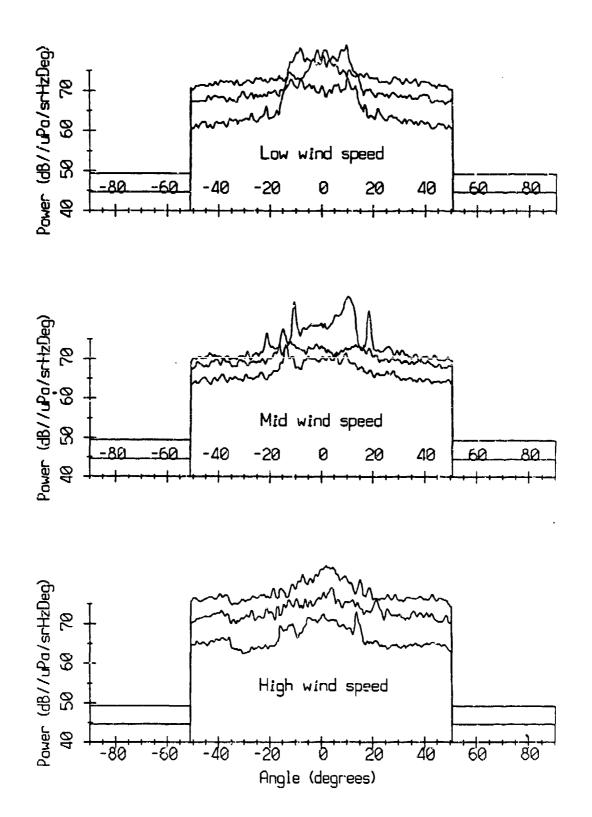




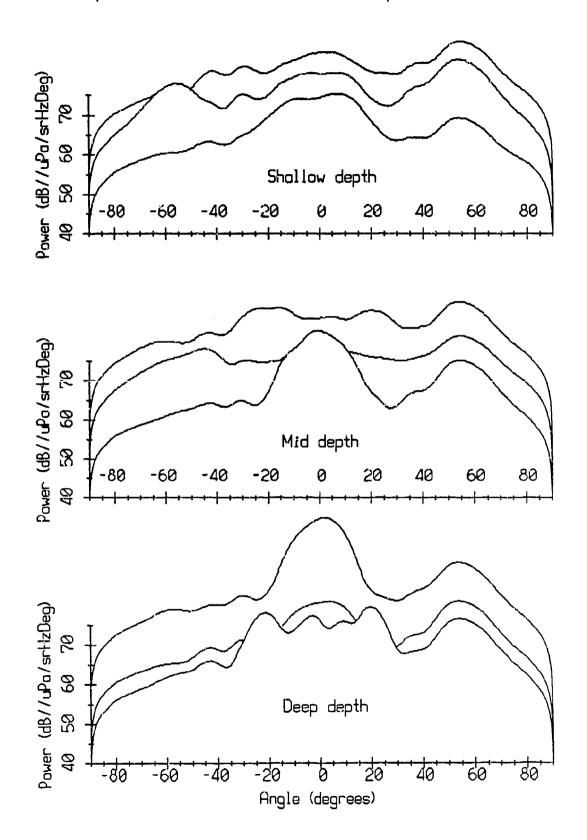


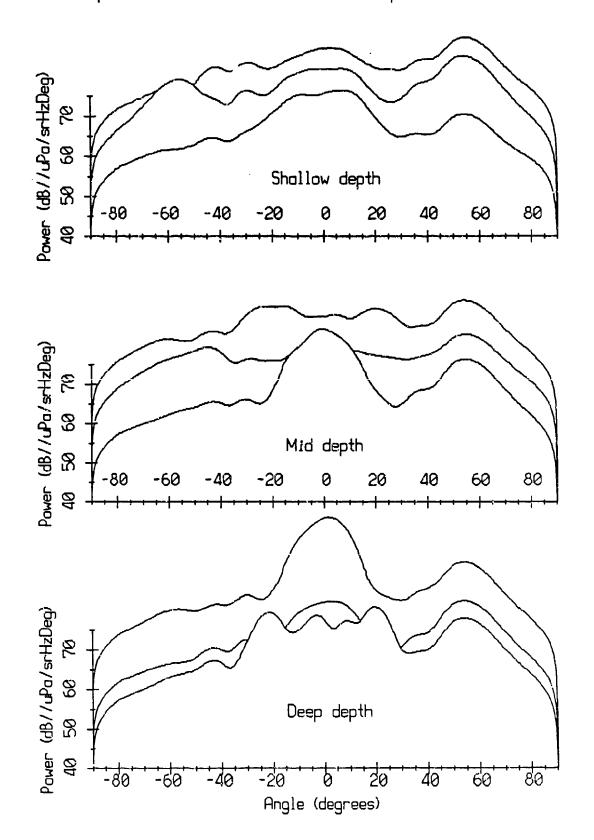




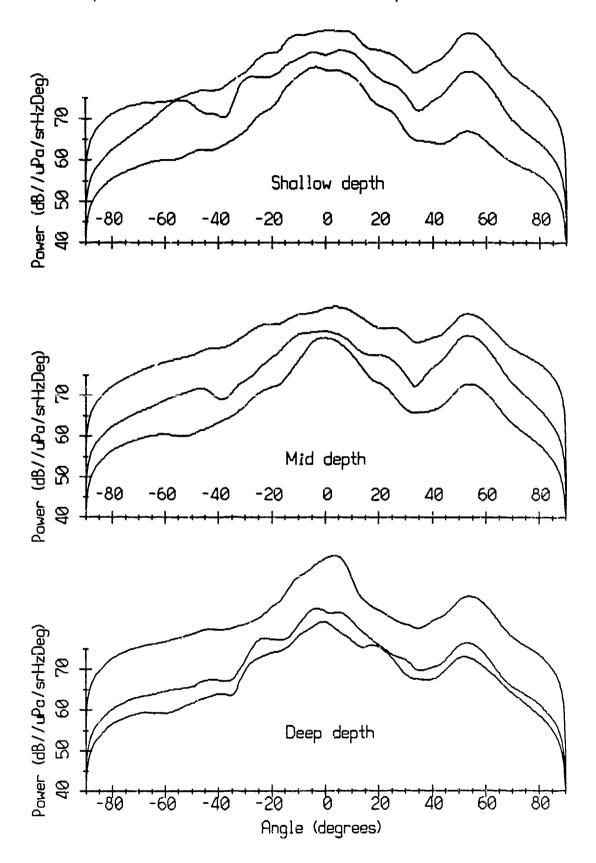


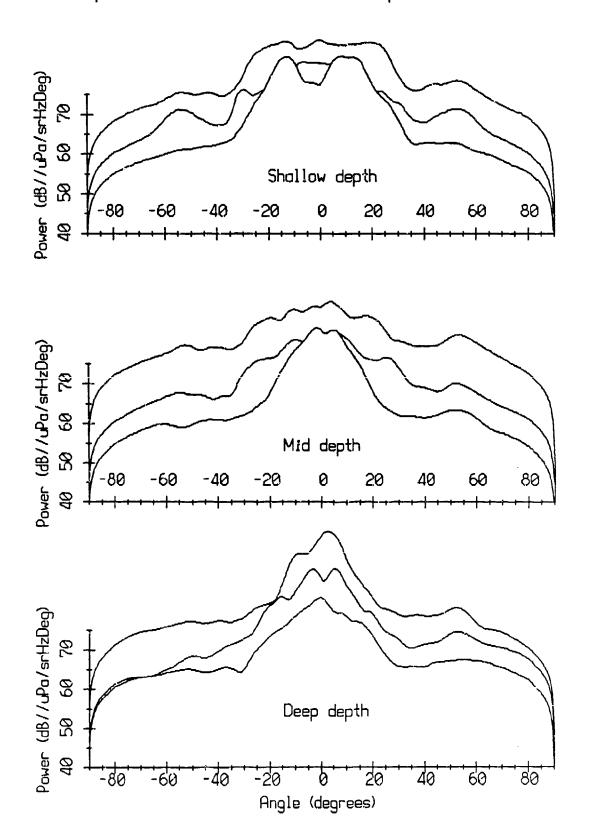
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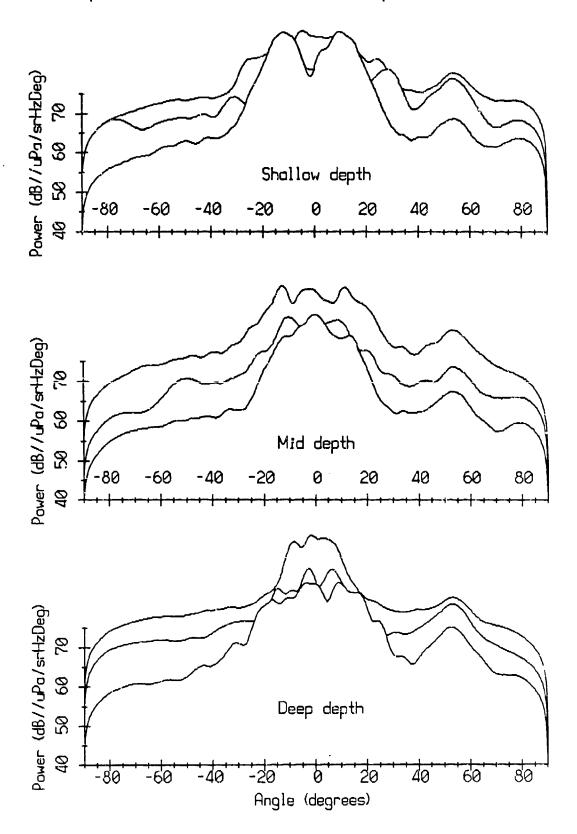


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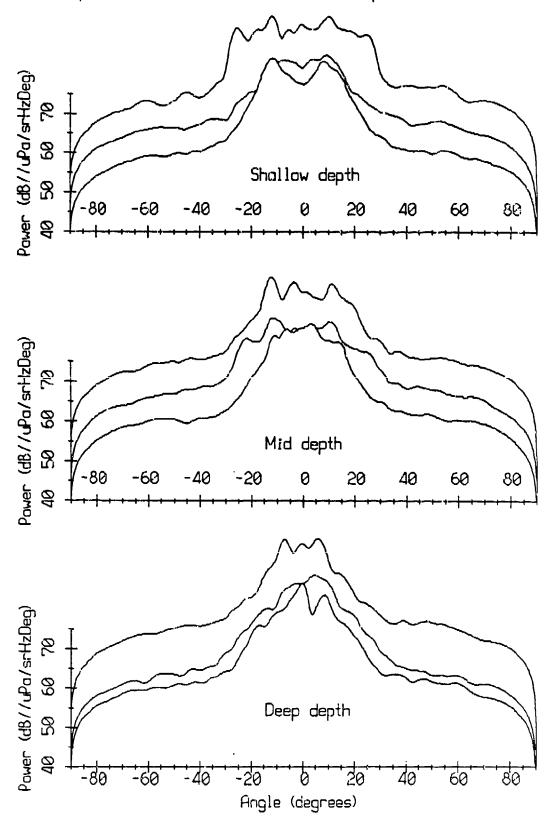




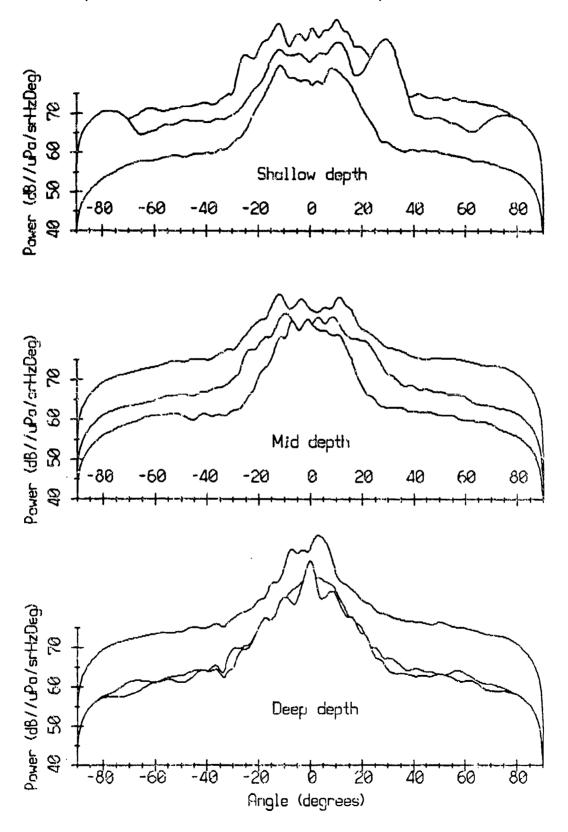
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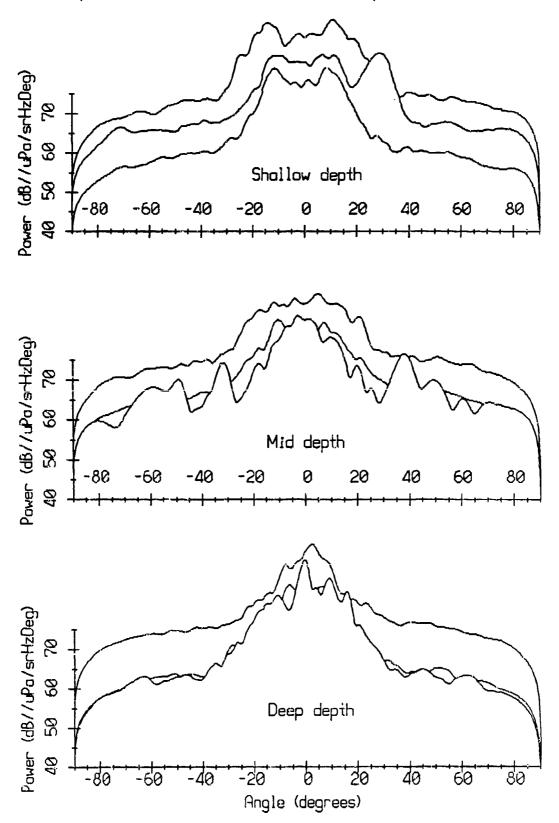
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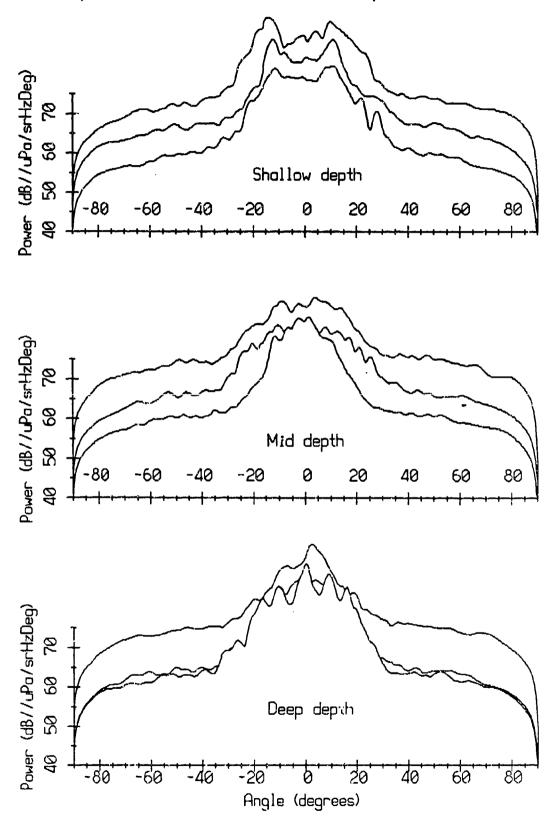
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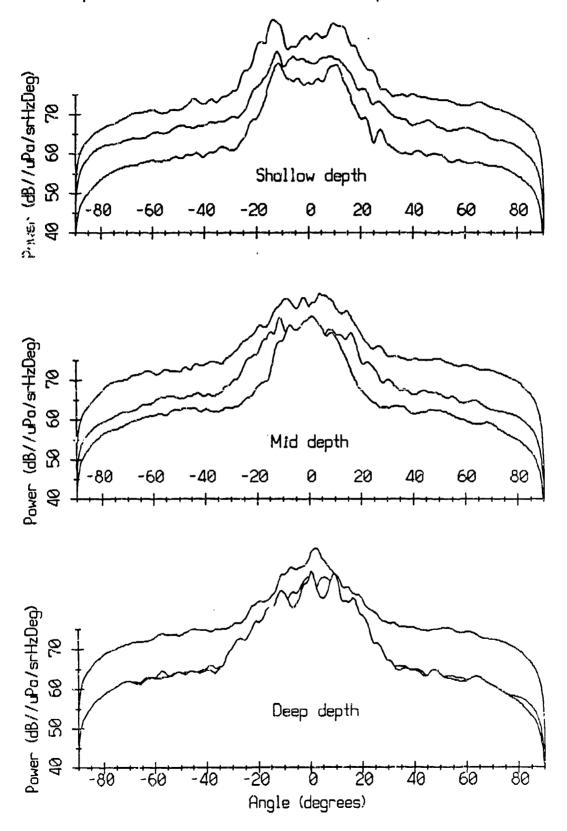
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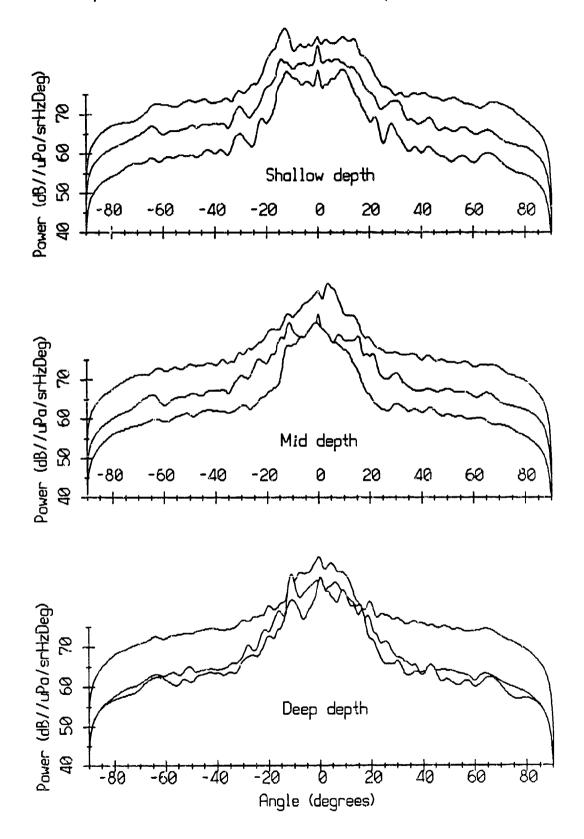
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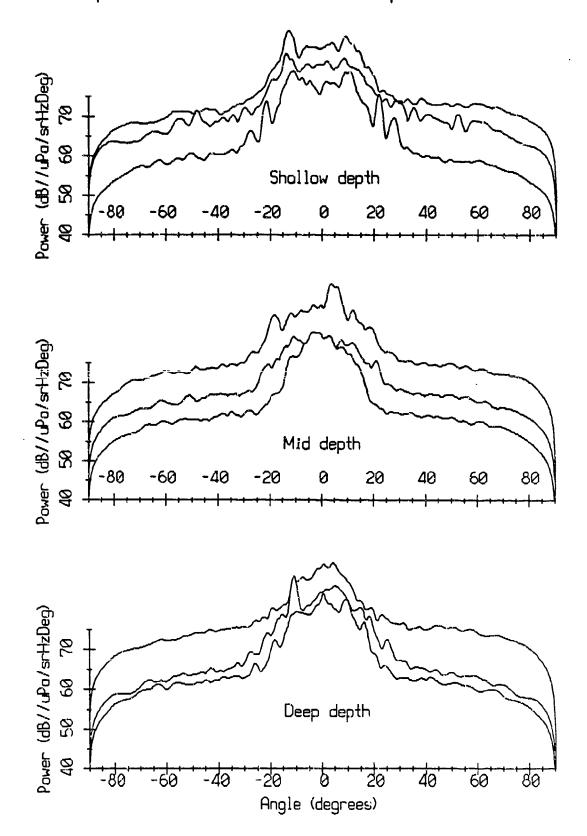


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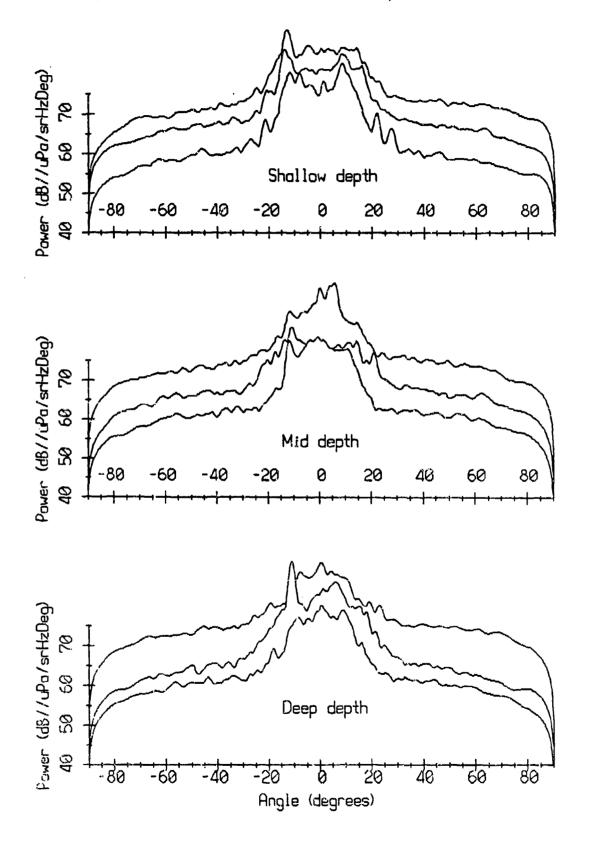


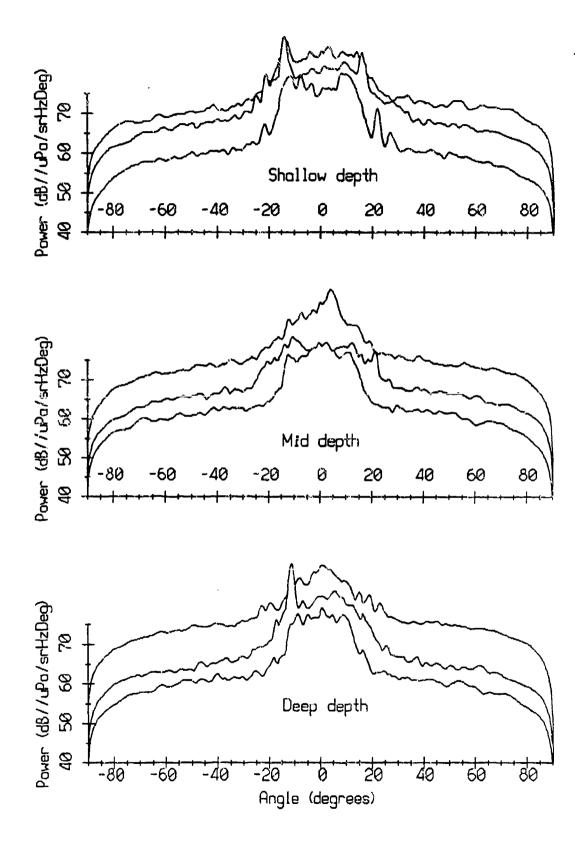
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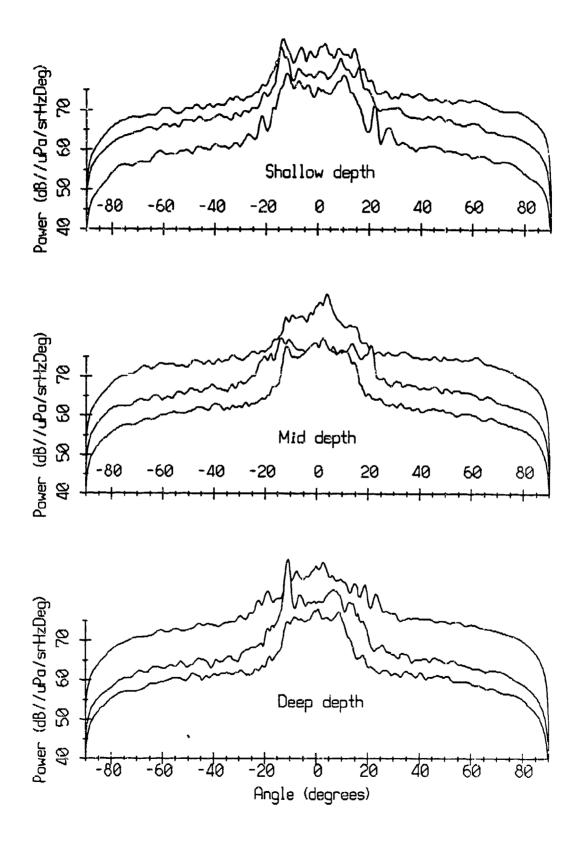


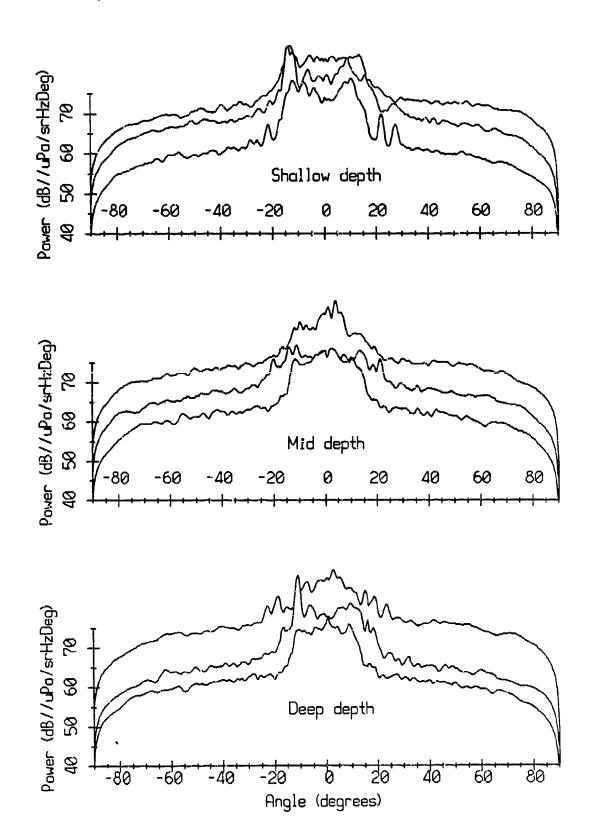


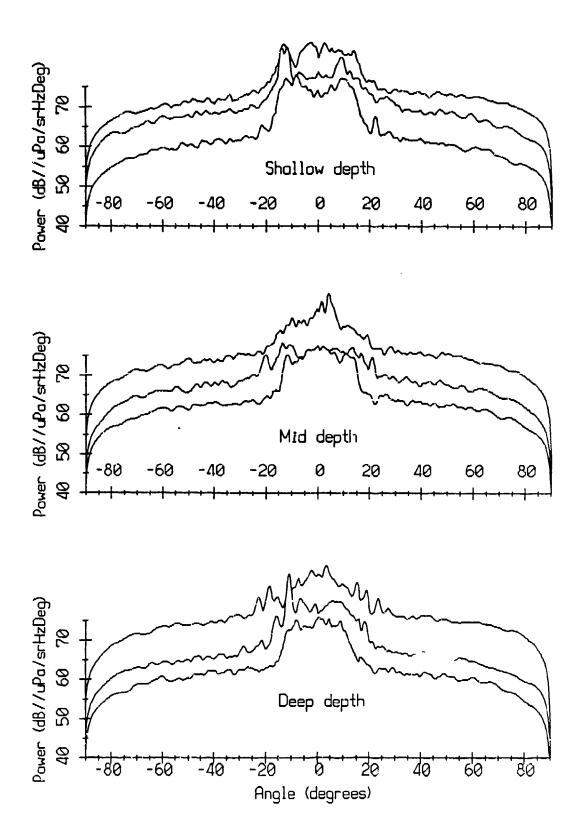
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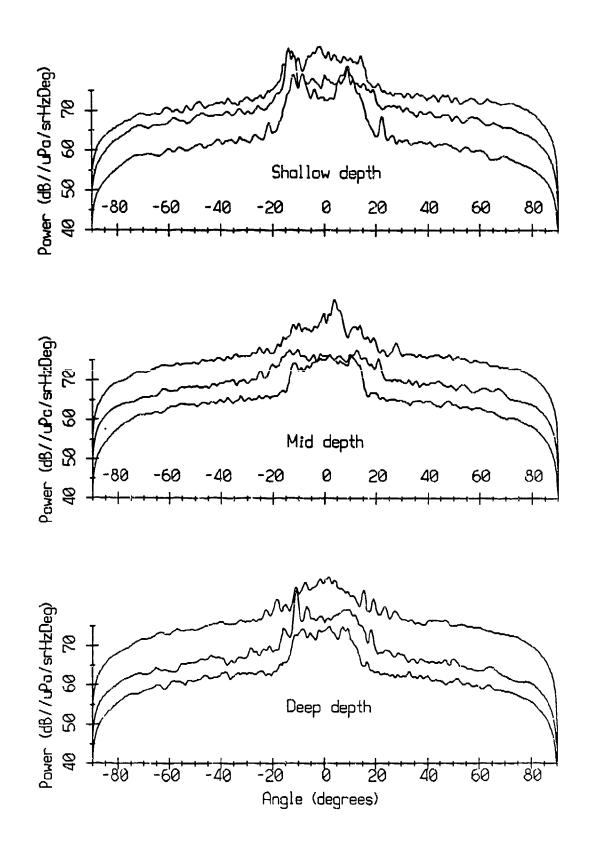


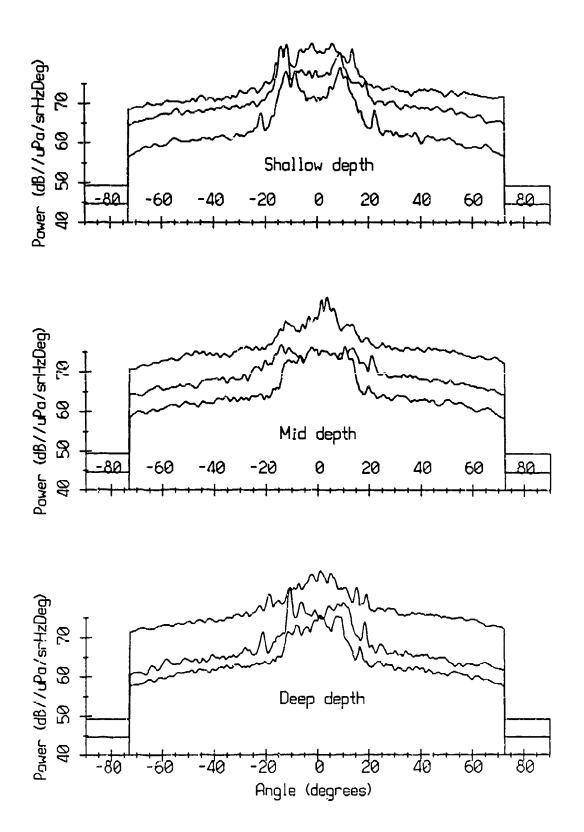


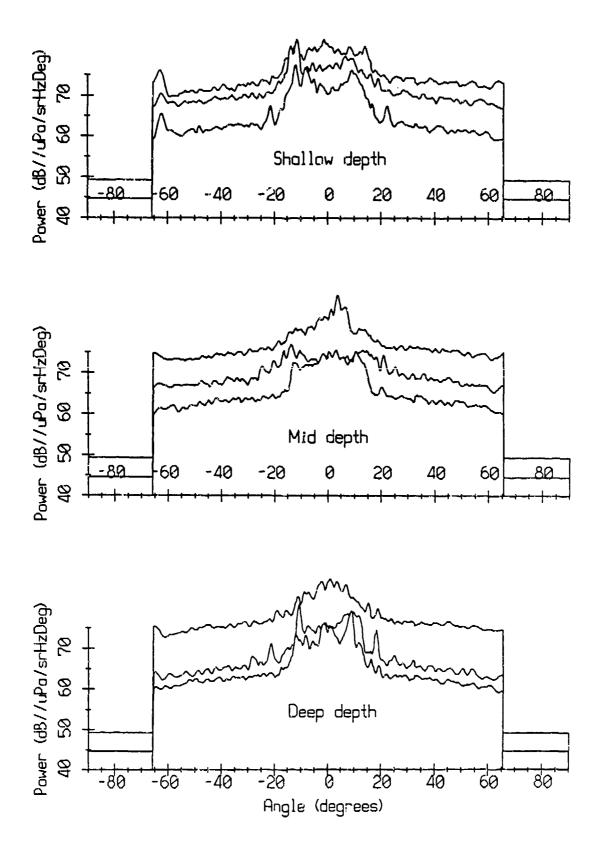


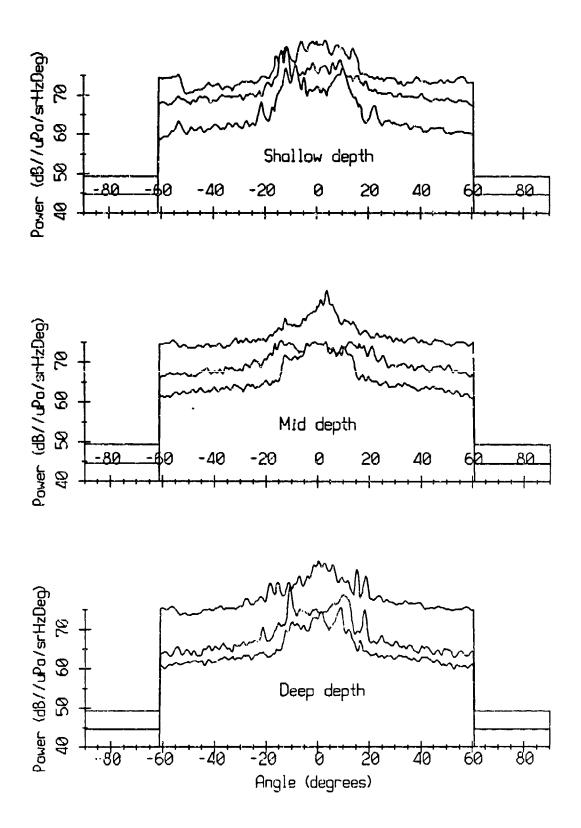


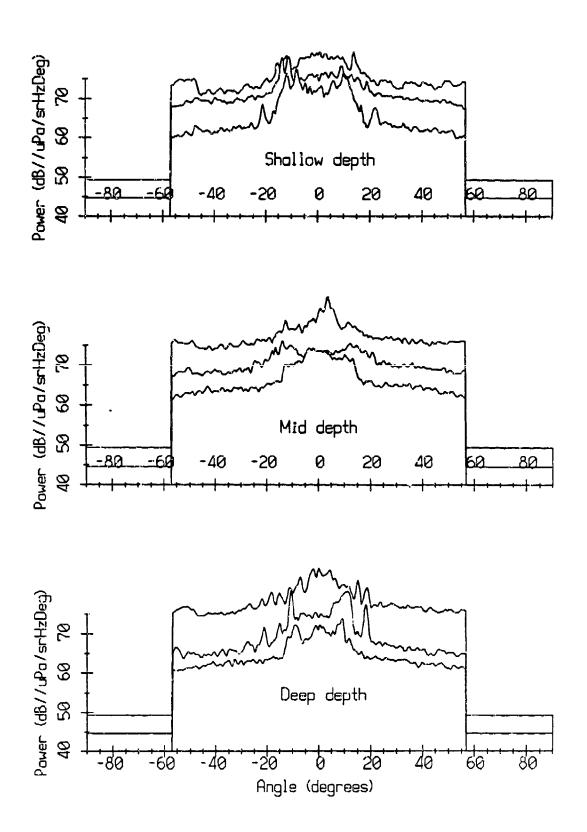


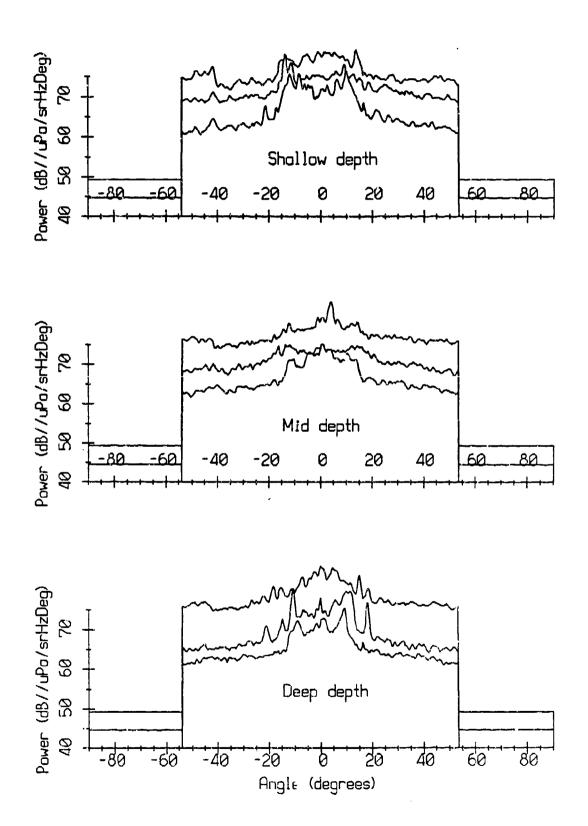












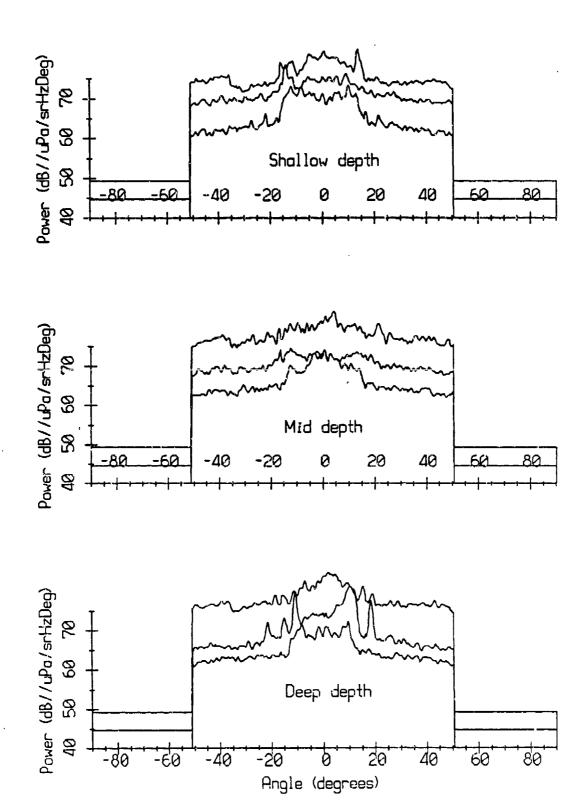


Figure 9.

Spatial spectra versus frequency at specified array depths and wind speeds.

Spatial Distribution vs. Depth

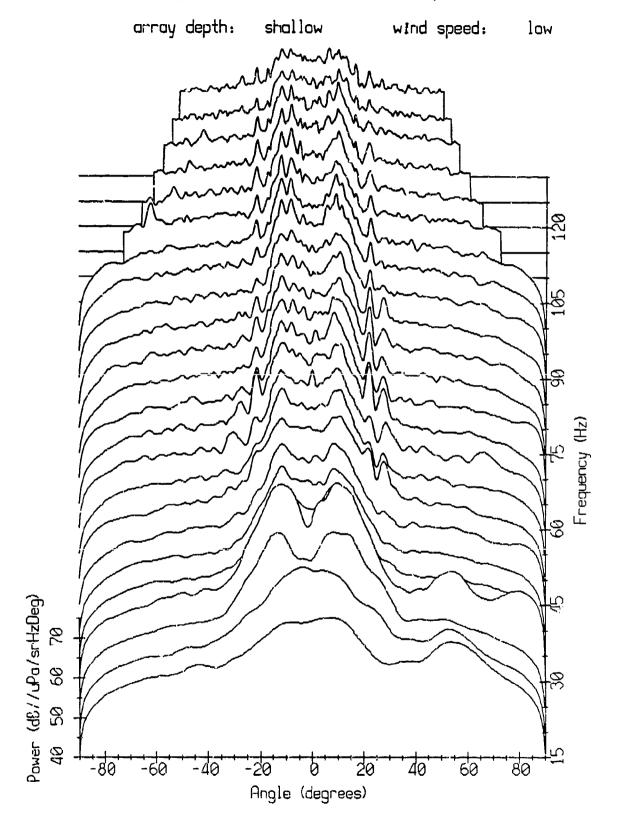
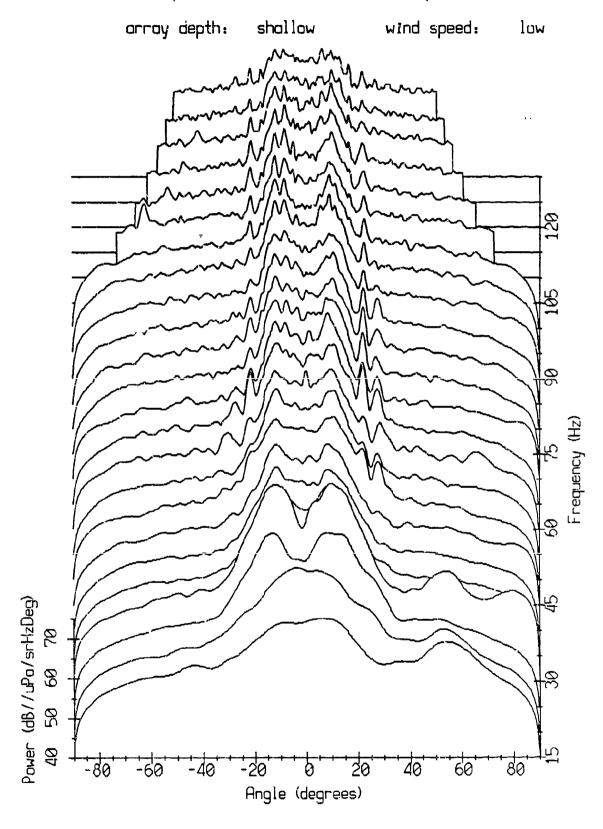


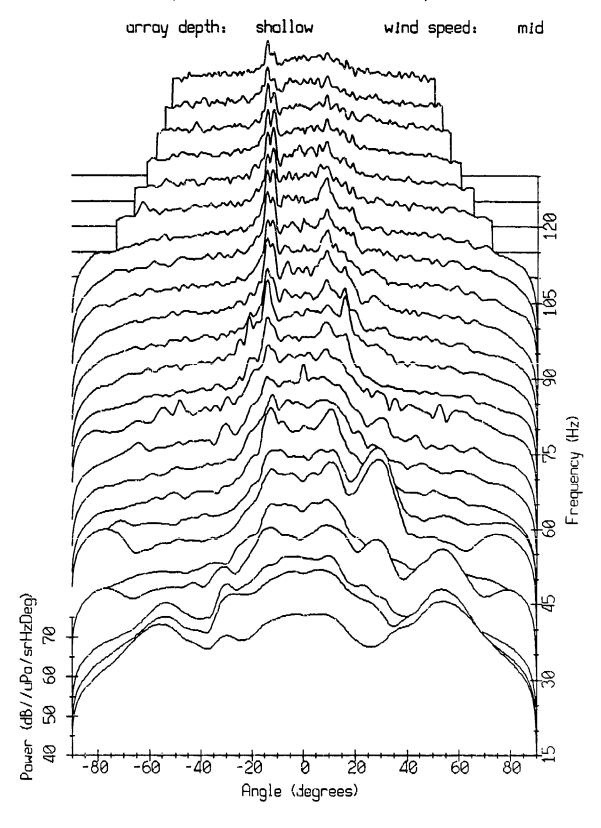
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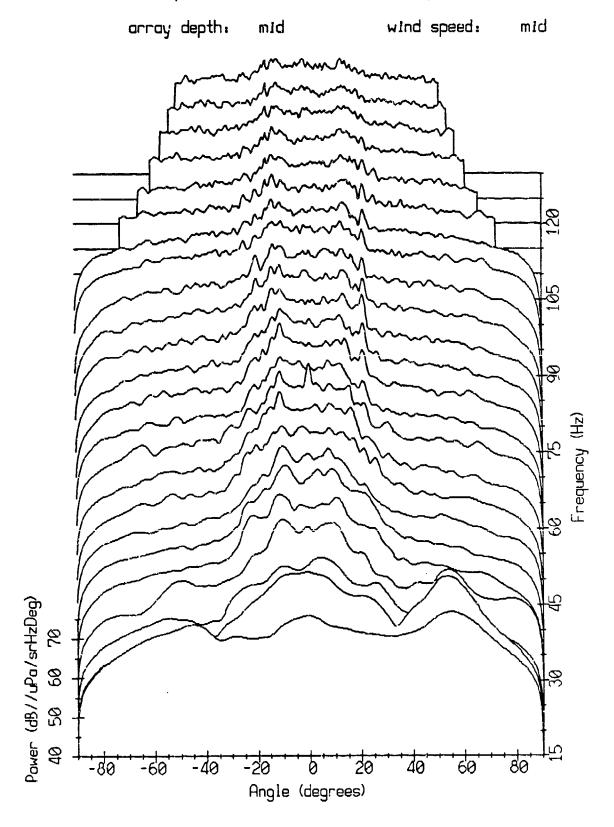
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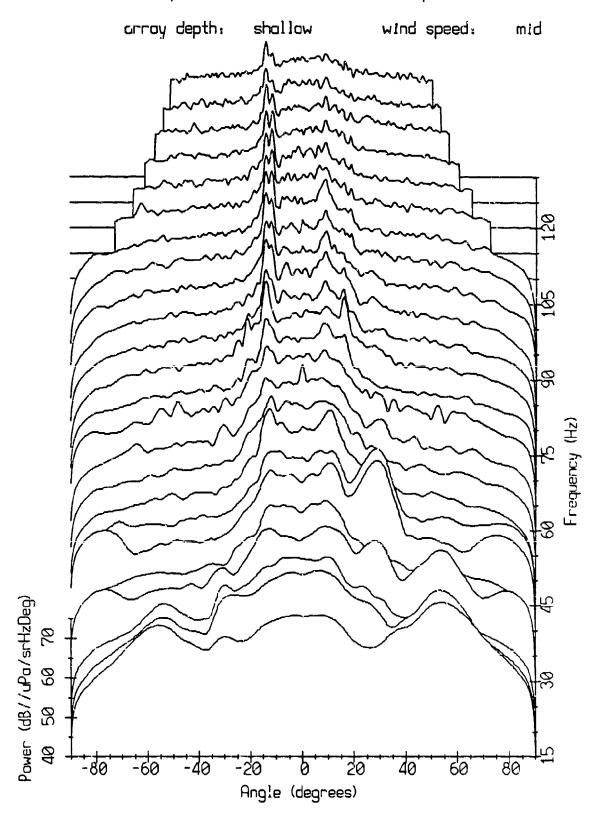
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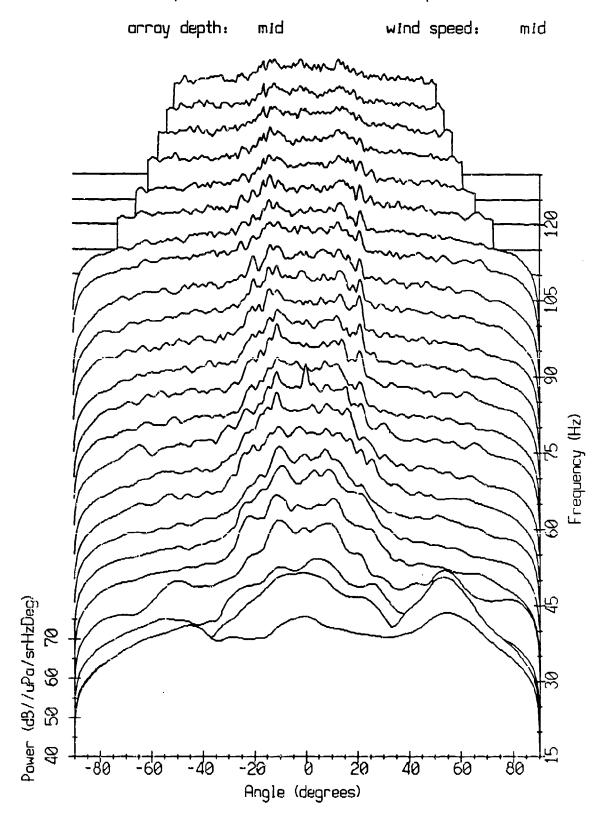
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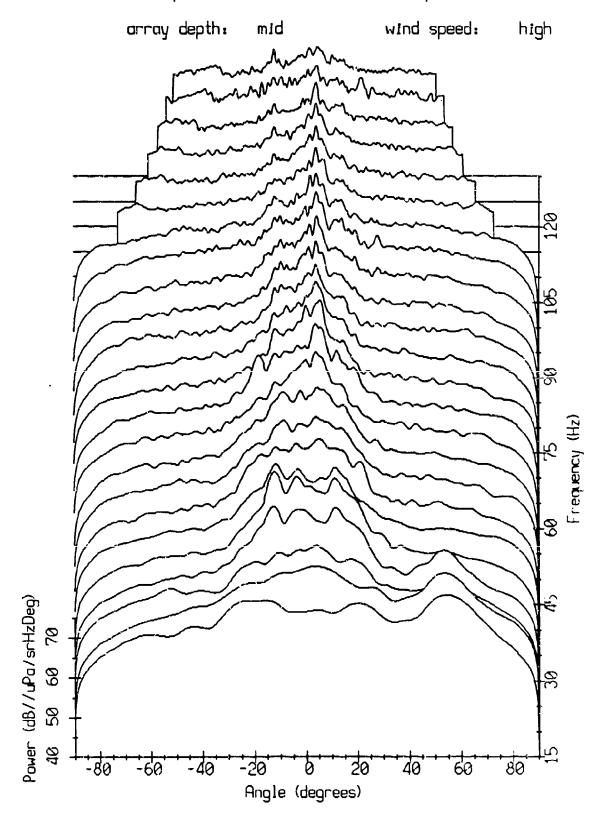
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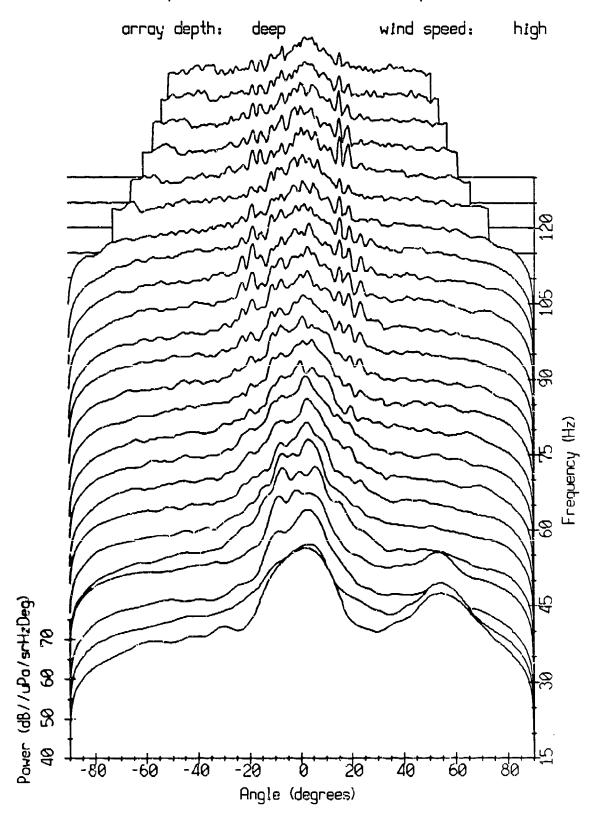
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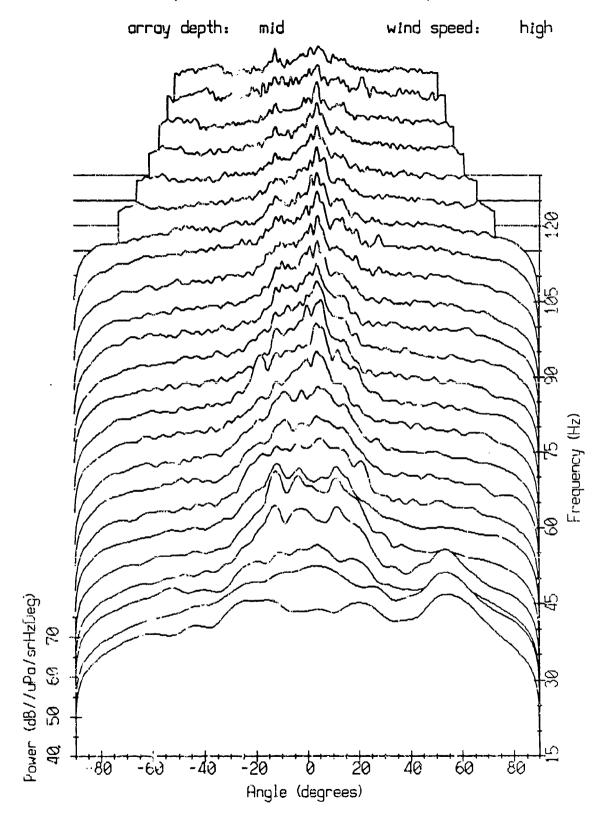
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